NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

ALDIE, VIRGINIA

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FIELD TRIALS AWARDS
SINGLE STAKES

Award	Hound
1st	Coomb's Bozo
2nd	Clark's Buddie Linesman
3rd	Pleasant Run Exhibitor
4th	Woodmoor Joe
Res.	Pegaway Rusty
1st	Fish Creek Polly Ann
2nd	Denny's Skybelle
3rd	Schmeck's Cathy
4th	Shore Drive Police
Res.	Sir Sister Dilligent
1st	Court Crier
2nd	Kiser's Rambeau
3rd	Chilco Sunnyboy
4th	Coomb's Wheeler
Res.	Sutton's Wingies Trailer
1st	Phillip's Madam Queen
2nd	Sutton's Wingies Flo
3rd	Sturdy Oak Lady
4th	Peps' Dare
Res.	Chilco Nancy

13-Inch ALL AGE DOGS—95 Starters

Owner	Address
W. B. Coombs	Temple, Pa.
Willard P. Smith	Hampton, Va.
Brierpac Kennels	Green Bay, Wis.
Ed Waterman	Baltimore, Md.
J. B. Hoffman	Tarentum, Pa.

13-Inch ALL AGE BITCHES—90 Starters

Morris Zeige and Norris Murphy	Green Bay, Wis.
Mark Denny	McDonald, Pa.
Nathan Schmeck	Reading, Pa.
Shore Drive Beagles	Norfolk, Va.
Sir Sister Beagles	Boston, Mass.

15-Inch ALL AGE DOGS—45 Starters

Lawrence H. Cooke	Monticello, N. Y.
Harry Fisher	Bakerstown, Pa.
Lawrence E. Chilcot	Parkton, Md.
W. B. Coombs	Temple, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sutton	Hodgenville, Ky.

15-Inch ALL AGE BITCHES—16 Starters

J. Wallace Pollitt	Salisbury, Md.
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sutton	Hodgenville, Ky.
Roland J. Caricki	Quincy, Mass.
N. W. Pepple	Bedford, Pa.
Lawrence E. Chilcot	Parkton, Md.

JUDGES:

HARRY S. TRUXEL, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. JOHN BURNS, Taunton, Mass.

PACK STAKES

Award	Pack
1st	Wolver II
2nd	Wolver I
3rd	Waldingfield I
Res.	Liseter I
1st	Wolver
2nd	Raynham
3rd	Lister
Res.	Buckram II
1st	Liseter I
2nd	Sir Sister
3rd	Waldingfield
Res.	Treweryn
1st	Liseter
2nd	Waldingfield
3rd	Treweryn
Res.	Buckram

13-Inch TWO COUPLE PACKS—14 Entries

Owner	Address
C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
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Waldingfield Beagles	South Westport, Mass.
Mrs. Austin Du Pont	Newtown Square, Pa.

15-Inch TWO COUPLE PACKS—13 Entries

C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
Mrs. Austin Du Pont	Newtown Square, Pa.
Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.

FOUR COUPLE PACKS—12 Entries

Mrs. Austin Du Pont	Newtown Square, Pa.
Chetwood Smith	Boston, Mass.
Waldingfield Beagles	South Westport, Mass.
Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.

EIGHT COUPLE PACKS—5 Entries

Mrs. Austin Du Pont	Newtown Square, Pa.
Waldingfield Beagles	South Westport, Mass.
Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.

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Award	Hound
1st	Wolver Garnet
2nd	Wolver Glider
3rd	Sir Sister Ebro
Res.	Treweryn Welcome
1st	Wolver Ebony
2nd	Sir Sister Ebb
3rd	Wolver Melton
Res.	Waldingfield Nonsense

13-Inch THREE HOUR STAKE—14 Entries

Owner	Address
C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
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Chetwood Smith	Boston, Mass.
Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR., M.B.

15-Inch THREE HOUR STAKE—11 Entries

C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
Chetwood Smith	Boston, Mass.
C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
Waldingfield Beagles	South Westport, Mass.

HUNTSMAN: DAVID B. SHARP, JR., M.B.

JUDGES:

HARRY S. TRUXEL, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. JOHN BURNS, Taunton, Mass.

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB MEMBERS

December 31, 1949

1906	Appleton, F. R., Jr.	63 Wall St., New York 5, N. Y.
1947	Armstrong, Arthur S.	County Line Road, Novelty, Ohio
1947	Armstrong, Mrs. Arthur S.	County Line Road, Novelty, Ohio
1938	Baker, John C., Jr.	42 Franklin Court, Garden City, N. Y.
1935	Barker, Thompson	19 Georgian Road, Morristown, N. J.
1938	Battin, A. William	Leopold Road, Paoli, Pa.
1925	Bedford, Mrs. Dean	Fallston, Md.
1925	Bedford, Dean	Fallston, Md.
1947	Bishop, Beryl	Asheboro, N. C.
1932	Bissell, Alfred E.	DuPont Building, Wilmington 99, Del.
1941	Boyden, Miss Jesseca	P. O. Box 125, South Dartmouth, Mass.
1923	Brice, John S.	Bedford, Pa.
1947	Browne, Hardwick L.	c/o Metasco Inc., 37 Wall St., N. Y. 5, N. Y.
1944	Buchanan, Wilmer J.	Perry Point, Md.
1949	Burns, John	Taunton, Mass.
1944	Campbell, Harry E.	Robesonia, Pa.
1935	Cann, Homer	West Chester, Pa.
1911	Carle, Edward H.	Keswick, Va.
1947	Carle, Mrs. Edward H.	Keswick, Va.
1946	Carrel, I. W.	Greenfield, Ohio
1939	Casey, Mrs. James J.	14 Sutton Place So., New York City, N. Y.
1911	Ceballos, J. M., Jr.	Warrenton, Va.
1915	Challinor, Mrs. David	Noroton, Conn.
1920	Challinor, David	Noroton, Conn.
1936	Child, Josiah H.	50 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.
1949	Child, Mrs. Josiah H.	Westwood, Mass.
1948	Chitwood, Benjamin G.	Fulton, Md.
1935	Clement, G. Kimball	Mill Street, Haverhill, Mass.
1945	Conlan, R. J.	76 Long Ridge Rd., Plandome, N. Y.
1939	Cooper, James A.	Henderson, N. C.
1936	Cowperthwaite, John	Far Hills, N. J.
1939	Cowperthwaite, Mrs. John	Far Hills, N. J.
1939	Crowe, Philip K.	330 West 42nd St., New York 18, N. Y.
1935	Dane, Edward	69 Randolph Rd., Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.
1938	Dane, Mrs. Edward	69 Randolph Rd., Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.
1946	Diehl, F. C.	Grantsville, Md.
1946	Diehl, Dr. H. C.	Frostburg, Md.
1928	Dodge, Mrs. M Hartley	Madison, N. J.
1931	DuPont, Mrs. Austin	Newtown Square, Pa.
1936	Draper, Mrs. Ford	916 Stuart Road, Wilmington, Del.
1941	Draper, Ford	916 Stuart Road, Wilmington, Del.
1948	Ebel, Edwin	949 So. Chicago Ave., Kankakee, Ill.
1936	Enders, Ostrom	Avon, Conn.
1931	Ewell, Arthur W.	55 Jackson Street, Worcester 8, Mass.
1947	Exum, James G.	Box 86, Snow Hill, N. C.
1948	Eyre, John L.	111 East 75th St., New York 21, N. Y.
1948	Fair, Howard C.	"Fox Hill", Bryn Mawr, Pa.
1936	Fair, Mrs. Howard C.	"Fox Hill", Bryn Mawr, Pa.
1946	Fairchild, David	Far Hills, N. J.
1949	Fehr, Miss Nancy	Whiemarsh, Pa.
1947	Ford, Andrew	1424 Richmond Road, So. Euclid, Ohio
1932	Ford, Horatio	Williamson Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio
1947	Ford, Mrs. Horatio	Williamson Building, Cleveland, Ohio
1949	Frazier, W. W. IV	Newtown Square, Pa.
1947	Freed, Joseph	1435 Fern Ave., Reading, Pa.
1938	Fulweiler, Thomas B.	Paoli, Pa.
1949	Fulweiler, Mrs. Thomas B.	Paoli, Pa.
1925	Gambrill, Mrs. R. V. N.	Peapack, N. J.
1913	Gambrill, R. V. N.	Peapack, N. J.
1949	Garvan, Anthony N. B.	Camp Hill Road, Whitemarsh, Pa.
1946	Gill, Arthur J.	31 So. Fernwood Ave., Pitman, N. J.
1936	Girvin, Davidson K.	1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1947	Girvin, Mrs. Davidson K.	1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1947	Girvin, Miss Ethel C. L.	1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1948	Gribbel, William	Boenning & Co., 1606 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
1948	Gribbel, Mrs. William	Ambler, Pa.
1935	Grier, Thos. L.	Public Ledger Building, Philadelphia, Pa
1948	Grier, Mrs. Thomas L.	Sewell, N. J.
1925	Griffin, William V.	20 Exchange Place, New York, N. Y.
1933	Griswold, A. B.	135 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.
1946	Glenn, J. W., Jr.	Syosset, L. I., N. Y.
1949	Hallowell, Thomas J., Jr.	East Northport, L. I., N. Y.
1937	Hannum, Mrs. John B., 2nd	Unionville, Pa.
1948	Harwood, Richardson	Natick, Mass.
1927	Haskell, Amory L.	Red Bank, N. J.
1947	Hattersley, Robert C.	Glen Head, Long Island, N. Y.
1949	Higham, G. Barton	Edgemont, Pa.
1925	Hurd, Edward	Chestertown, Md.
1949	Hurry, Renwick W.	Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.
1925	Huyler, Fred	Gladstone, N. J.
1913	Iselin, C. Oliver, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
1913	Jones, Paul	1033 Brush Hill Road, Milton 86, M.
1948	Kann, James J.	Chadds Ford, Pa
1940	Kearns, Ernest I.	Main Street, Suffield, Conn.
1946	Keefe, Mrs. Rodger M.	205 East 72nd Street, New York, N. Y.
1947	Klauder, George C.	123 So. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1943	Kline, Leslie D.	Winchester, Va.
1946	Lamb, James G.	Media, Pa.
1940	Lamb, James G., Jr.	Wallingford, Pa.
1947	Lamb, Mrs. James G., Jr.	Wallingford, Pa.
1949	Leavitt, Miss Adele	Millbrook, N. Y.
1925	LeRoy, Edward A., Jr.	Bernardsville, N. J.
1912	Massey, G. Gordon	Howell's Point, Trappe, Maryland
1924	McCarty, Thomas M.	47 Old Farm Road, Darien, Conn.
1941	McIntosh, Mrs. Gregory S.	Hunting Hill, Chagrin Fall, Ohio
1938	MacLeod, Cameron, Jr.	Berwyn, Pa.
1947	MacLeod, Mrs. Cameron, Jr.	Berwyn, Pa.
1949	MacLeod, Miss Jean	Berwyn, Pa.
1938	Morgan, Marshall S.	Malvern, Pa.
1936	Morris, Miss Ellenor	Berwyn, Pa.
1949	Mull, John Barnes	Malvern, Pa., R. D. 1
1949	Mull, Mrs. John Barnes	Malvern, Pa., R. D. 1
1939	Paine, Augustus G., 2nd	Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.
1941	Pedersen, William	Oenoke Ridge Rd., New Canaan, Conn.
1949	Pennoyer, Miss Jesse	Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.
1939	Pepple, N. W.	Bedford, Pa.
1936	Perry, Bennett H.	Henderson, N. C.
1947	Pettus, George T.	Overlook Farms, Clarksville, Mo.
1938	Philler, Miss Elizabeth C.	Gypsy Lane, Wynnewood, Pa.
1902	Post, Mrs. George B.	Bernardsville, N. J.
1936	Potter, John H. N.	400 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.
1948	Prunerat, Henri F.	Natick, Mass.
1948	Prunerat, Mrs. Henri F.	Natick, Mass.
1925	Pyne, H. Rivington	Far Hills, N. J.
1932	Reed, Verner Z.	Newport, R. I.
1932	Reed, Mrs. Verner Z	Newport, R. I.
1947	Reeve, Franklin d'Olier	Basking Ridge, N. J., R. D. 1
1914	Reeve, J. Stanley	Haverford, Pa.
1946	Reeve, Mrs. Anne	Basking Ridge, N. J., R. D. 1
1938	Reeve, Richard	Route 6, Box 668, Tuscon, Arizona
1948	Rodgers, Charles R.	Hampstead, Md.
1945	Rueger, H. E.	Rueger's Hotel, Richmond, Va.
1913	Sands, D. C.	Middleburg, Va.
1942	Saunders, Alexander	White Gate, Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y.
1931	Sharp, David B., Jr.	Meadowbrook Fm., W. Chester, Pa. R.D. 2
1946	Sharp, Mrs. David B., Jr.	Meadowbrook Fm., W. Chester, Pa. R.D. 2
1913	Smalley, W. L.	Park Ave. and Fifth St., Plainfield, N. J.
1946	Smith, Burwell B.	York, Pa.
1904	Smith, Chetwood	112 Dartmouth St., Boston 16, Mass.
1940	Snowdon, C. Allen	297 Victoria St., Toronto, Canada
1947	Snowdon, Mrs. C. Allen	297 Victoria St., Toronto, Canada
1937	Spiker, Reatus L.	Box 2185, Cumberland, Md.
1929	Starr, Louis	Far Hills, N. J.
1933	Steele, Dr. Byron W.	Mullens, West Virginia
1939	Stone, Bromley S.	96 Forest Ave., Locust Valley, N. Y.
1936	Thompson, Henry B., Jr.	40 Worth St., New York 13, N. Y.
1946	Thompson, Richard H.	Devon, Pa.
1949	Thompson, Rodman E.	Devon, Pa.
1946	Thomson, Archibald G.	724 Stock Exchange Bldg., Phila., Pa.
1947	Townsend, Gerard B.	3274 Enderby, Shaker Heights, Ohio
1946	Townsend, Chester M.	Glen Mills, Pa.
1946	Truxel, Harry S.	Mt. Pleasant, R. F. D. 2, Pa.
1940	Tuckerman, Mrs. Bayard, Jr.	South Westport, Mass.
1907	Tuckerman, Bayard, Jr.	South Westport, Mass.
1947	Tuckerman, Miss Jane Bayard	South Westport, Mass.
1939	Turnbull, William	Far Hills, N. J.
1939	Villa, Mrs. Anthony L.	277 Park Ave., New York City, N. Y.
1934	Ward, Edward M., Jr.	Locust Valley, L. I., N. Y.
1932	Weir, Mrs. DuPont	Box 895, Wilmington, Del.
1948	Welbourne, E. H., Jr.	121 Arbutus Ave., Catonsville 28, Md.
1940	Wetherill, Elkins	Norristown, Pa., R. D. 4
1948	Weybright, Victor	245 Fift Ave., New York 16, N. Y.
1938	White, S. Stockton	R. F. D. 2, Malvern, Pa.
1938	Willcox, Mark	Wawa, Pa.
1938	Williams, H. Justice	1500 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1948	Wilson, Paul E.	Hamburg Farm, New Castle, Del.
1938	Wing, Morgan, Jr.	306 East 61st St., New York 21, N. Y.
1946	Wing, Mrs. Morgan Jr.	Millbrook, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
1930	Wise, Frank L.	Carmel, N. Y.
1940	Wolcott, Mrs. Oliver	Hamilton, Mass.
1931	Wolcott, Oliver	Hamilton, Mass.
1949	Wood, Harrison W.	Greenville, Delaware

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1949

HUNTING

Beagler's Dinner

Annual Masters of Beagles Dinner Held On January 27; 20 Masters Gather To Discuss the Year's Sport

Philip K. Crowe

In the old days the Masters of Beagles Dinners provided a much needed, if somewhat spirited rest, between the effort of showing hounds all day at the Riding Club and enjoying oneself all night at the Beaux Arts Ball. Both of these attractions have failed to survive the atomic era, but the dinner itself is as hardy a perennial as ever, with twenty Masters and seventeen others attending the 18th annual gathering on January 27 at the Knickerbocker Club in New York.

Oliver Iselin, president of the National Beagle Club, was toastmaster and kept the hounds of memory romping around the horseshoe table, while Morgan Wing, the secretary; saw to it that everyone was well supplied with excellent food and drink. The continued success of these dinners, in fact, is due in large measure to the work and effort of the honorary secretary.

The first speaker was R. V. N. Gambrill, Master of the Vernon-Somerset Beagles and long the mainstay of the National Beagle Club. He remarked that he started beagling 40 years ago and his pack is still hunting at Peapack, N. J. He was recently elected president of the Masters of Beagles and Harriers Association of Great Britain, the first American to hold that honor. He stressed the necessity of importing more European hare from Canada and deplored the passing of the New York Hound Show which formerly meant so much to hunt servants.

Joe Child, Master of the Waldingfield Beagles of Massachusetts, introduced Frank Appleton, a nephew of the famed Mr. Jimmie, president of the National Beagle Club for so many years. The Waldingfield were founded in 1885 and are still going strong—so strong in fact that the Selectmen of a certain New England village brought action against them for "babbling."

Charlie Rogers, Master of the Timber Ridge Bassets, spoke of some fine runs down in his Maryland country after hog. His bell-toned hounds gave a two hundred pounder an exhausting chase and actually broke up and ate a stripling bacon factory of forty pounds. Despite this alleged fall from grace, I have been out a good many times with the Timber Ridge and seen them account for their hare after long and difficult runs.

Allan Snowden, Master of the Don Valley Beagles of Toronto, and the only master among us with a plethora of European hare to hunt, said he would be delighted to help anyone wishing to import these little kangaroos legally. Some States have misguided opinions on the subjects, and there was a time when bootleggers wanted a bit more for running hare than they did for liquor.

The beagling family was admirably demonstrated by Horatio Ford, Master of the Widford Beagles of Cleveland, Ohio. Both his son and his grandson are active with the pack.

One of the great packs of New England was the Fairfield of Darien, Conn. and it was a pleasure to see Dave Challinor, husband of the Master, at the dinner. Mrs. Challinor was for many years a member of my Field when I hunted the Kingsland Beagles at New Canaan and their daughter, Mary, whipped for me right up to the start of the last war.

Ben Perry, Master of the Tantivy Beagles of South Carolina, and a modern Jorrocks on the speaker's platform, gave us an apt phrase for an expectant mother rabbit—an ingrown hare. His other renderings were equally pithy but unfortunately not printable.

Bunny Sharp of the Treweryn spoke sadly of the passing of Bob Harrison and the assembly rose in respect. Luther Wade, another well known beagler of bygone days, was also reported missing by the secretary.

No beagle dinner is complete without "Albert and the Lion" but Kimball Clement, long the bard for this famous poem, came a distinct cropper in his rendering. Albert was not even in the lion's jaws when Kimball quit. A motion was passed that he brush up before the next year's dinner.

The concluding speaker was Chetwood Smith, Master of the Sir Sister Beagles from 1908 to the present. Despite his 76 years, Chet still hunts and wins classes at the trials. There is a beagler to emulate.

The following letter was read in part by the secretary and belongs in the annuals of the chase:

Dear Mr. Wing:

Many thanks for the premium list with Memo attached ((invitation) to attend the National.

May I say, nothing would have pleased me more, but after all the Old Boy is just a poor country boy of 54. The hounds? I have run them far, as proof—my wife calls herself a "'Hound Widow."

If there is one hunt which I would like to see—it is the National (Pack Trial) for I have no idea how a pack should be run or handled. I have 8 couples of little hounds which I run "according to nature." I am the sole Master, huntsman, whipper-in, kennel attendant, nurse maid and most of the time Gallery. Now when a fellow runs hounds without an audience and with the aid of a Sonotone—boy he's got to love it. Few people I know understand or appreciate listening and watching a pack of little hounds "put on the show." Therefore, I am compelled to go without gallery. If I encouraged the gun, then I'd have more than hounds but there are two things which I detest behind my hounds, one is a gun, the other an automobile. I'm like Richard Sharp's (A North Country Meet), courtesy Field Sports (England) H and H page 50, December 1948. "Damn guns and automobiles. No good for hunting."

Yep, I wrote David Thays a couple of weeks ago, I was trying to raise the morale of my pack with a little color. Got tired of wearin' G. I. rags and decided to get them out of the "briar thicket class." Had 'em already workin' to the horn (started on a caw and graduated them to a copper). Tried to find a second hand set of gear (cap and gown). Wrote everybody I thought made color. Whitney was too busy to acknowledge—also a couple of other New England Yanks. Guess they didn't want the Rebels to look their class. Wrote to Wanamaker's— they couldn't even tell me who handled theirs—so I went out to see George Thomas, huntsman Sedgefield Hounds (fox). He gave me Chase Publishing Company at Lexington, Ky. I got a plain velvet cap, then old friend Sears and Roebuck dished out a pair of breeches. I have an old horse blanket (or rather a sheet) which from the color was perhaps designed by an O'Dwyer, Flannigan or O'Murphy. Think I'll have my wife make me a coat out of it if I can find a pattern. My hounds have got to have color.

Now, Mr. Morgan Wing, if you can tell me where I can get a catalog or a picture which shows a beagler's costume or livery, etc., I will appreciate it. I have never had the pleasure of seeing a pack go into the field with all the pomp (and I don't know that I could stand it).

My neighbor in the ajoining county attends many trials but those boys seem to like a different element in their hounds. I ran the high hound with 36 starters.

Well, I could rave on and on into the night so here's good health and happy running.

Sincerely,

H. W. Hayes
"Frog"

The following packs were represented:

The Buckram Beagles—L. K. Warden, Owen Frisbie, J. Wooderson Glenn, John C. Baker, Edward M. Ward, Jr., John L. Eyre, Thomas Holliwell, R. W. Henry, Bromley Stone.

The Treweryn Beagles—David Sharp, William Battin, William Gubbel.

The Sandanona Beagles—Morgan Wing, Jr.

The Vernon Somerset Beagles—Richard Gambrill, Hovey Clark, James Casey, Frank Johnson.

The Tantivy Beagles—Bennett Perry

The Waldingfield Beagles—Joe Child, Frank Appleton.

The Pentucket Beagles—Kimball Clement.

The Sir Sister Beagles—Chetwood Smith.

The Timber Ridge Bassets—Charles Rodgers, Victor Weybright.

The Bethel Lake Beagles—Thomas Grier.

The St. Peters Foot Beagles—Alexander Saunders.

The Widford Beagles—Horatio Ford.

The Don Valley Beagles—Allan Snowden.

The Kinsland Beagles—Philip K. Crowe.

The Fairfield Beagles—David Challinor.

The White Oaks Harriers—Thompson Barker.

"Frog" Hayes

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"Clarendon"
RF #1
Box 20
N.C.

THE NATIONAL

Jane Dane

Wednesday, November ninth, had three hundred things to do before taking the Federal to Washington this night, and only three hundred seconds to do them in. Remembered such essentials as a flashlight and leggings, only to leave out a toothbrush and facecloth. My husband, Ned, not having been to Aldie, Va., but once in 1936, grumbles steadily, complains bitterly, but actually completes his packing before I do.

Met the Tuckermans per design and got poured into our respective bedrooms in a fairly liquid and happy state.

Thursday, the tenth, found a lovely warm day in Washington, and ate a lovely warm breakfast in the Statler, after which Ned appears with a Hertz Chevrolet and we are off. Bayard's remarks on the miles of new housing, and the incompetence of the present Government were funny, but unprintable here.

Find Aldie unchanged and beautiful; the road is if anything worse, the whitewash more clinging, more people, less beds, more packs, less water, and the usual fine state of confusion reigning supreme. Mitty Tuckerman and I have the great break of getting the Gambrill cabin, while Ned and Bayard Tuckerman disappear, Heaven knows where. It subsequently turns out the Waldingfield 13 inch two couple was down, and Bayard after them, business suit notwithstanding. On this day, as on the rest, except for Sunday, scenting was very poor and the rabbits scarce, therefore, slowing down all the packs, and making the judges' task that much harder.

Unpacked and settled, arrived down at the Institute to meet some of my favorite friends. My pet favorite, Captain C. Oliver Iselin, president of the National B. C. and chief winner this year. Next, Chetwood Smith, the dean of beaglers, who, when I asked after his health, replied: "I am here anyway." He certainly was. Lunched and took to the fields. Aldie's hills get no lower, nor the grass, nor the briars; even so, some things stood out. Mr. Snowdon from Toronto on his mule—if Major had been any quieter he would be dead! Ollie Iselin on his Tennessee walking horse, Chet on his pony, grandson of Man O'War. The judges, John Burns on a roan pony, dam of a white Percheron, ridden by the other judge, Harry Truxel. I doubt this, but they said it was true.

Also in the field were the Carles, Mother, Father, son and whip, beautifully turned out—Mrs. Carle in a white skirt, green coat and stock; Master Carle the same, only he had on long white trousers and carried couplings over his shoulder. The whip, a colored gentleman, the same, only he carried a whip, and Mr. Carle, dressed as a member of the field, in the most impeccable leggings, tweed cap, coat and atmosphere. The Carle family really gave a lot to Aldie this year. Mr. Carle, being a famous ex-M. F. H., has taught his wife how to hunt hounds, and the whip Charley, has taught himself and the hounds how to hunt rabbits. To see this pack in action is like seeing the Mexican army beam ride. Mrs. Carle hunts the hounds, whip Charles follows behind or alongside saying: "Slowly, Mrs.; watch Barmaid, Mrs.; there's the line, Mrs." while Mrs. Carle looks to Mr. Carle for further advice and Master Carle is always there with his couplings. This, is, I think, the first time since 1941 that a lady has hunted a pack at Aldie. I like her lingo, such as: "Come on me lads, where is he now," and her reedless horn.

The Raynham pack, which I have been describing, placed 2nd in the 15 inch two

SIR-SISTER FOUR COUPLE PACK
Mr. and Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Natick, Mass., with the 2nd place pack at the National after driving to a kill in the stake.

inch two hour stakes, the annual meeting, and this year quite a surprise, for Chetwood anyway, a square dance in the dining room. At the general meeting Mrs. duPont very generously, having won outright the Welfare Cup, put up another to be known as the Liseter Cup, and even more generously, agreed to pasture the Institute grounds with beef cattle next summer to keep down the grass.

While the meeting was open for the election of new members, Mr. Tuckerman proposed the name of the late John L. Sullivan, and Mr. Smith, that of Harry S. Truman, as being of inestimable help on the Field Trial Committee! It was also decided that in the future a notice should be sent Oliver Iselin at least two weeks in advance, of how many people were coming, and a committee of three ladies was appointed to supervise where and how the Squaw Hill inhabitants should sleep. The ladies are Mrs. Howard Fair, Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.

therefore filled with hounds and people, and a general exodus occurred. Due to gathering darkness, only Liseter's number II pack ran on Friday afternoon; scent had improved and they had from the music anyway a splendid hunt. In fact, it must have been very good, because they won the cup defeating nine other packs.

Because so many people came to Aldie this year, a good many had to stay in Middleburg, among them the John Bakers. He is master of the Buckram, a subscription pack which puts on a grand show

the hounds back to their noses. Each hound took his or her share of the work, and they all, although not under the proverbial blanket, were closely bunched. This performance gave them 2nd. Liseter going down early Sunday morning in a fine Scotch mist, won easily with the best hunt of the trials. A real bang-up roaring drive with such music as would in fact "Awaken the dead." Treweryn was 3rd and Buckram reserve.

Saturday night there is the traditional painting of the hounds for the 13 and 15

Second — Raynham, Mrs. Carle.
Third — Liseter.
Reserve — Buckram II, John C. Baker, Jr.

Results
15 Inch Four Couple Packs; 9 Packs
First — Liseter.
Second — Sir-Sister, Chetwood Smith.
Third — Waldingfield.
Reserve — Treweryn I, David B. Sharp, Jr.

Results
Eight Couple Packs
First — Liseter.

First — Phillips Madam Queen, Linesman Big Boy x C. L. Phillips' Lade Girl; Wallace Pollitt, owner.
Second—Sutton's Wingie's Flo, Sutton's Linesman x Sutton's Red Wingie; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Sutton, owners.
Third — Sturdy Oak Lady, Cutrell's Surebuddy x Vermont Shore Acres Linda Lee; R. J. Cavicchi, owner.
Fourth — Pep's Dare, Bri-Bar Black Jack x Pep's Duchess; N. W. Pepple, owner.
Reserve — Chilco Nancy, Echo Dell Linesman x Chilco Cry Baby; L. E. Chilcoat, owner.

60th Annual National Beagle Trials

The Institute Farm Again Plays Host To The Merry Little Hounds and Their Enthusiastic and Energetic Followers

June W. Badger

The tall old house at the Institute Farm, Aldie, Va., had lost its blank look, its quiet peace. Doors and windows were open; men and women moved back and forth from small hound vans, station wagons, and trucks, carrying luggage. The whitewashed kennels resounded with the cry of hounds. "The beagles were back again." The 60th Annual Field Trials were to be held from the 3rd of November to the 13th, a week earlier than preceding years.

On Thursday, the 3rd of November, the first brace of the 95 starters in the 13" All Age Dogs were put down. This year the trials started with all age dogs, omitting the derbies of the previous years. Thursday was a raw windy day and game was scarce. The recently imported New Mexican cotton tails did not run as either the native or the rabbits from Missouri, the last, the usual game used for the trials.

The state of Missouri did not release its rabbits until the 1st of November and as the trials were to be held the 3rd, it was impossible to get them to Aldie in time. Somewhere around 250 New Mexican rabbits were turned out some time before the first, but they did not do well in the Virginia country. They are small blue grey fellows given to making very short runs and to squatting.

Though the weather began on the cool side, it steadily grew warm, even to say hot. The ground was very dry; the scenting conditions poor, and hounds hunted under difficulties. During the latter part of the Singles, hounds were taken to Mr. Crouch's pasture which consisted of briar patches and bare sparse grass land where the native cotton tail ran from one briar patch to another.

SUMMARIES

13" all age dogs, 95 starters—1. Coomb's Bozo, W. B. Coombs, Temple, Pa.; 2. Clark's Buddie Linesman, W. P. Smith, Hampton, Va.; 3. Pleasant Run Exhibition, Briarpac Kennels, Green Bay, Wis.; 4. Woodmoor Joe, E. Waterman, Baltimore, Md.; Res. Pegaway Rusty, J. B. Hoffman, Tarentum, Pa.

13" all age bitches, 90 starters—1. Fish Creek Polly Ann, W. Teige and N. Murphy, Green Bay, Wis.; 2. Denny's Skybelle, M. Denny, McDonald, Pa.; 3. Schneck's Cathy, N. Schneck, Reading, Pa.; 4. Shore Drive Police, Shore Drive Beagles, Norfolk, Va.; Res. Sir Sister Dilligent, Sir Sister Beagles, Boston, Mass.

15" all age dogs, 45 starters—1. Court Crier, L. Cooke, Montecello, N. Y.; 2. Kiser's Rambeau, H. Fisher, Bakerstown, Pa.; 3. Chilco Sunnyboy, L. E. Chilcoat, Parkton, Md.; 4. Coomb's Wheeler, W. B. Ceombs, Temple, Pa.; Res. Sutton's Wingies Trailer, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sutton, Hodgenville, Ky.

15" all age bitches, 16 starters—1. Phillip's Madam Green, J. W. B. Pollitt, Salisbury, Md.; 2. Sutton's Wingies Flo, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sutton, Hodgenville, Ky; 3. Sturdy Oak Lady, R. J. Cavicchi, Quincy, Mass.; 4. Pep's Dare, W. W. Pepple, Bedford, Pa.; Res. Chilco Nancy, L. E. Chilcoat, Parkton, Md.

Judges: Harry Truxel and John Burns.

The Singles finished Tuesday evening, which left a day in between as the Packs arriving Wednesday started with the 13" Two Couples on Thursday at 7 a. m. There were 14 packs this year including four new ones, new to the Trials at the Institute, Ellison, Master Paul Wilson, Wilmington, Delaware; Glenstone, Mrs. Hutchinson; Raynham, Mrs. Carle, Master, of Keswick, Virginia; and Overlook, whose Master, E. T. Pettus of Clarkesville, Mo., used to whip for the Waldingfields when he was at Harvard.

The big house itself was full, besides the cabins and there were so many people that meals were served in shifts. Evenings were very gay with Howard Fair playing his violin. Saturday night after a day of following hounds on foot from seven on, the beaglers put on a square dance downstairs in the dining room due to the questionable strength of the plaster above. "Junior", Lisseter Pack's whip, played the guitar; Jack Eyre, whip to the Buckram, the harmonica; Howard Fair, the violin and colored Carlos, the Institute's factotum, the Jew's harp.

The 13" Two Couple Packs took up the whole of the first day, Thursday, due to the scarcity of game. It was dusk when the last couple went down, so that they were given another rabbit the following day. Captain Iselin's Wolver Pack, Middleburg, Va., won and took 2nd in the class. They handled beautifully and worked exceedingly well together, especially at checks. The day was hot, the ground dry and one of their rabbits was a difficult twisty fellow which turned back through the gallery and led them over rocks, red clay furrows and bare ground. They all swung together, noses deep in the furrows with no thought of the people about them and worked out the line with precision, especially Wolver Glider, who was outstanding.

The 15" Two Couple went down on Friday and again Wolver stood in 1st place and one of the new packs, Raynham, Mrs. Carle master, was awarded 2nd. Mrs. Carle hunted hounds herself, her 11-year-old son, Jake, whipping with the pack's colored whip, Charles Hughes, who smartly dressed in velvet cap, green coat, long white trousers and wearing couplings, constantly advised and guided Mrs. Carle, "Careful, Mrs. Not so fast, Mrs. They are right, Mrs.", a running comment which delighted the bystanders.

Hunting became more and more difficult around the Institute. The judges, John Burns and Harry Truxel, tried to give each pack three rabbits, but the difficulty was to find them. Scent was spotty and the foreign cottontail very apt to run into any likely hole. The last 15" Two Couple pack lost its first rabbit so it was decided to move on to Metzger's, a wild deserted bit of adjoining country used at present for grazing.

A long procession started on their way, cars, which could go within two miles of the ground to be hunted, pedestrians, the more active pedestrians, and the horses. The little part-Arab mare, belonging to Captain Iselin, carried Harry Truxel; John Burns rode the fat white mare, the horse of all work at the Institute farm; "Chet" Smith, "our oldest beagler", humped forward on his chestnut pony, which he says is by Man o'War; the "Captain" on his chestnut Tennessee walking horse; Pepples, the field marshall, who can see a rabbit if there is a rabbit, on his spotted pony, which he sends down together with its mate from Bedford, Pa., especially for the trials; and the mule carrying Mr. Allan Snowden of Toronto who just lately sold his pack to Colonel and Mrs. Fuller of London, Ont. where they hunt European hare followed by the field on horses.

The mule, borrowed for the occasion, tall and gaunt and resigned, took a dim view of all hunting, but performed his duties with forebearance and patience, a perfect mount for beagle trials.

The land sloped down into a narrow valley and one could look across to the next hill to the spiked pines black against a crimson streaked sky. The Sandanona 15" Two Couple pack were picked up after a short hunt and Lisseter I's Four Couple pack waited for game. After 30 minutes beating, a native rabbit was found and the pack took him up with great cry. A hoot owl began his call. The crimson sky faded to dusk; men, horses and cars started homewards, the lights of the motors picking out the horses as they moved by. Carlos' coach horn called the signal for dinner.

The remaining Four Couple packs which Lisseter I won were run on Saturday and the Eight Couple packs went to Lisseter also. They showed excellent hard drive and holed their rabbit after a fifteen-minute hunt.

Thirteen hounds went down early Sunday morning for the 13" Stake usually run for three hours, but this year limited to two hours due to the game problem. The early hours were damp which helped the scenting. Morgan Wing of the Sandanona Pack, hunted them, Wolver Garnet and Wolver Glider placed 1st and 2nd, in exactly the same order as of last year. They put on the same consistent performance, the careful close work as in the pack classes.

Immediately after the 13" Stake and just before lunch it was decided to run off the bench show, which was held in the kennel yard, John Bryce judging. Wolver II won the National Challenge Cup for the best pack of Two Couple 15" and under, 50 percent in the field and 50 percent on the bench. Lisseter's Sir Sister Rival accounted for the Welfare Cup offered for the best 13" dog or bitch; Babylonian Sister, reserve. The Turnbull Cup offered for the best 15" beagle went to Babylonian Boaster, Overlook Gayblade taking reserve.

After a very good lunch the 15" Stake started with "Bunny" Sharpe hunting hounds. There were eleven in the stake, the sun was out and the ground dry which made judging most difficult. Hounds found and lost; found again with great cry, but the line was hard to follow. Two hounds were picked up, leaving nine. After much beating a third rabbit was started, during which time three more hounds were picked up. Judges finally came to a decision and the remaining hounds were taken up. Again a Wolver beagle was predominant, Wolver Ebony; Sir Sister Ebb, 2nd, Wolver Melton 3rd and Waldingfield Nonsense, reserve.

This year Captain Iselin's Wolver Pack was outstanding, winning both Two Couple classes, both stakes, the National Challenge Cup and the Sir Sister Cup which calls for the highest scored pack in any of the pack classes in the field. In the 13" Two Couple class they also took 2nd as they did also in the 13" stake and 3rd in the 15" stake. Their record this year would be very hard to equal. Some of the praise is due to Charlie Kirk, who stays at the Institute Farm all year and handles the Captain's beagles, hunting them, training the puppies on tame rabbits and who whips during the Trials.

The 60th annual Field Trials came to a close, the dusk settling around the quiet empty house, the dark cabins, the pines black against a fading sky.

SUMMARIES

13" two couple pack—1. Wolver; 2. Wolver; 3. Waldingfield; Res. Lisseter.

15" two couple pack—1. Wolver; 2. Raynham; 3. Lisseter; Res. Buckram II.

15" four couple pack—1. Lisseter I; 2. Sir Sister; 3. Waldingfield; Res. Treweryn I.

Eight couple pack—1. Lisseter; 2. Waldingfield; 3. Treweryn; Res. Buckram.

13" stake—1. Golver Garnet; 2. Wolver Glider; 3. Sir Sister Ebro; Res. Treweryn Welcome.

15" stake—1. Wolver Ebony; 2. Sir Sister Ebb; 3. Wolver Melton; Res. Waldingfield Nonsense.

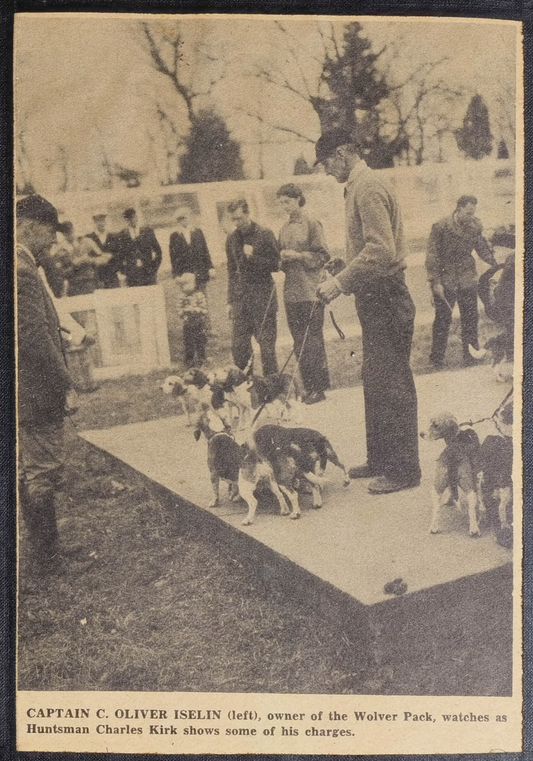
BENCH SHOW

National Challenge Cup—1. Wolver II; Welfare Cup—1. Lisseter's Sir Sister Rival; Res. Babylonian Sister; Turnbull Cup—1. Babylonian Boaster; Res. Overlook Gayblade.

List of People Attending Trials

Chetwood Smith, N. W. Pepple, John Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Russel Nice, Mrs. W. DuPont, Jack Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fair, Mr. and Mrs. J. Child, Leslie Brown, E. Hendershot, E. T. Pettus, R. W. Hurry, T. L. Greer, C. Robinson, T. J. Hallowell, John Cowperthaite, John Cape, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snowden, David B. Sharpe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. Grebbel, Nancy Fehr, James Lamb, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Justice Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Chitwood, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dane, Mrs. Dean Bedford, F. Brown, D. Stoddard, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jessie M. Pennoyer, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Fullweiler, A. William Battin, Julie Thayer, Vernon Mearple, W. F. Barclay, John S. Erice, Marie Leavitt, Arthur Klinefelt, C. Barton Higham, B. R. Pearce, Eleanor Morris, Marie Blumer, Peggy Tylet, T. MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Hull, and R. C. Thompson, Jr.

THE BENCH SHOW, Jack Eyre and Miss Jessie Pennoyer exhibit their entries.



CAPTAIN C. OLIVER ISELIN (left), owner of the Wolver Pack, watches as Huntsman Charles Kirk shows some of his charges.

GIVING "THE WORKS" to one of the entries. (L. to r.) Ben Chitwood, James Lamb and Justice Williams.

WATCHING THE PROCEEDINGS are Leslie Brown and Mrs. Josiah H. Child of Waldingfield Beagles.

THE RAYNHAM PACK, 2nd in the 15" two couple class. (L. to r.) Whip Charles Hughes, Huntsman Mrs. Edward Carle, Edward Carle and Jak Carle.

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Beaglers Gather In New York For 20th Annual Dinner Meeting

Philip K. Crowe

There was nothing Mr. Jorrocks liked better than "lectoring on huntin' " and I am sure the January 26 gathering of beaglers at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York would have warmed the cockles of that great huntsman's heart. It was the 20th annual dinner of the National Beagle Club and 9 Masters and some 16 other members turned up to hark to the hounds of memory and cast forward good wishes for the future of the little hounds.

In the absence of the president, C. Oliver Iselin, David B. "Bun" Sharp, Master of the Treweryn, took the chair and kept the speakers on the line far into the wee hours. I personally felt that we had more good talks on hounds and hunting than in many a previous dinner.

The first speaker was Morgan Wing, honorary secretary of the National Beagle Club and Master of the Sandanona Beagles of Millbrook, N. Y. He was responsible for the good dinner and good time we all had. Morgan had just called on R. V. N. Gambrill, former secretary of the club, who was ill. Dick recently returned from England where he was elected president of the Masters of Beagles and Harriers Association of Great Britain, the first American to hold this honor.

Dick reported, through Morgan, that there are now 71 packs of beagles hunting in the United Kingdom and 63 packs of harriers. Sixteen packs were represented at the Peterborough Hound Show. For a country which is taxed to the last pence in the pound and lives under the shadow of the Russian threat, this is a remarkable record. Morgan also mentioned that Dick was arranging to have American packs listed in Baily's Hunting Directory.

The recent difficulties of travelling out of the sterling area were recounted by Allan Snowdon, ex-Master of The Don Valley Beagles of Toronto, Canada, who told us that it used to take all of his yearly allowance of 150 U. S. dollars to make the trip to the beagle dinner. Allan's country abounds with European hare and he gladdened the hearts of the Masters present by saying that it is now possible to legally import these fine beasts of quary into the States. To date it has been more dangerous than running opium.

The middle west was represented by Andrew Ford, son of Horatio Ford, Master of the Whitford Beagles of Cleveland, Ohio. Andy reported that his own son is now hunting, making three generations in the field—a veritable beagle dynasty.

John Baker, Master of the Buckram Beagles of Long Island, made some sage comments on hounds and hunting and introduced Joe Connelly, assistant huntsman; Woody Glenn, who hunts hounds on bydays; and Bob Hattersley, treasurer.

From Massachusetts came Joe Child, Master of the Waldingfield and Frank Appleton, nephew of the former well loved Master of that pack, Jimmie Appleton. Bayard Tuckerman, who usually honors the beagle dinner after the foxhound dinner, was absent due to pressing duties in the cock fighting ring, but sent his best via Joe.

Bennet Perry, Master of the Tantivy Beagles of South Carolina, was up to his usual form.

Among those greatly missed were Kimball Clement, who rendered "Albert and the Lion" for countless beagle dinners. He was unable to attend but promised to appear next year with some new verses. Chetwood Smith, Master of the Sir-Sister, was absent. Among the oldest living members of the National Beagle Club, Chet has hunted the Sir-Sister since 1908, the year I was born. The cherry countenances of Charlie Rogers, Master of the Timber Ridge Bassets, and Victor Weybright, his honorary secretary, were also among the absent.

Morgan Wing, in his capacity as secretary of the National Beagle Club, gets some strange letters and read us one of the more touching.

"Dear Mr. Wing: I have just acquired a dog of beagle breed. His name is Jupiter. But I'd like to get a few facts straight. Whenever I take him in the street, people keep telling me 'He's cold, pick him up. Don't do that, don't do this'. He also doesn't ever want to walk in the street. I wrote to the American Kennel Club and they sent me a coupon to a book and your address. But I can't keep buying books. I just want a little information. The following is the information I want. 1. How can I keep him in the street. 2. How can I make him walk in the street. 3. How can I make him eat. 4. How can I make him stop whining. 5. How can I house-break him. Signed: Arnold Pakoula, Brooklyn, N. Y."

In conclusion Bun Sharp made an eloquent plea for the sport and the importance of starting new packs. He felt that all of us should do all we can to help the new Masters, especially in selling them good hounds as cheaply as possible.

The following is the list of the various packs represented and their members:

Buckram Beagles: John C. Baker, Jr., Master, Joseph Connelly, John L. Eyre, J. Woodersan Glenn, Jr., Robert C. Hattersley, Thomas J. Hallwell, Jr., Renwick Hurry, Owen Frisbe, Edward M. Ward, Jr. and Frederick Willets.

Waldingfield Beagles: Josiah H. Child, Master.

Kingsland Beagles: Philip K. Crowe, Master.

Don Valley Beagles: Allan Snowden, ex-Master.

Fairfield Beagles: David Challiner.

Sandanona Beagles: Morgan Wing, Jr., Master.

Tantivy Beagles: Bennet H. Perry, Master.

Treweryn Beagles: David B. Sharp, Jr., Master, A. William Battin, Cameron McLeod, Richard Thompson and H. Justice Williams.

White Oakes Harriers: Thompson Baker.

Whitford Beagles: Andrew Ford, Joint-Master.

BEAGLES

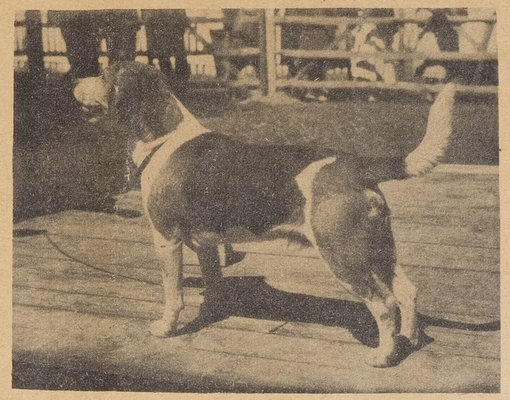
Beagle Packs For Foot Followers

National Beagle Club Recognizes 16 Packs In Registered Countries; Hunting Etiquette For Beaglers

David B. Sharp, Jr., M. B.
Vice-President National Beagle Club of America

There are at the present some sixteen active packs of Beagles registered with the National Beagle Club of America, which is to Beagling what the Masters of Foxhounds Association is to Fox Hunting. A roster of these packs is listed in this issue of The Chronicle. These packs all furnish sport for foot followers in various eastern states and hunt either hare, European or Kansas jacks, or native cottontail rabbits. Their hunt livery is in almost all cases a green coat with distinctive colored collars which are registered with the N. B. C. Their hunting countries are also registered with the N. B. C. just as fox hunting countries are registered with the M. F. H. are the Bryn Mawr Hound Show at Rose Tree in September; the National Beagle Club Field Trials held at Aldie, Virginia in November; and the Master's dinner in New York in January. Last but not least, there are the local activities of each pack; their puppy shows, Beagler's Ball, joint meets with other packs and most strenuous of all their own point-to-point races on foot about 4 miles across country.

From an informative point of view, the Annual Field Trials at Aldie, Virginia foreshadow all other events. This year will be the 61st trial and those who are fortunate enough to be in Virginia from November 16 to 19 may see as many as 12 to 16



MARSHALL, champion 15-inch dog Vernon-Somerset Beagles at the 1949 Bryn Mawr Hound Show. (Photo Associates)

LISETER BEAGLES winning the 3rd Vernon-Somerset Challenge Cup in the 15-inch pack class, at the 1949 Bryn Mawr Hound Show. (Photo Associates)

Association. Most of these packs hunt in a regular fox hunting country with the permission of the local M. F. H. The members of their fields comprise all ages from 8 to 80 and include many old time fox hunters who come out for a Sunday afternoon hilltop hunt; however, the young predominate and hence Beagling has become acknowledged as the best school for hunting.

There are some 163 regular members of the N. B. C., who hail from Toronto to the Carolinas and from Middleburg to Cleveland; their president, C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Esq., M. B. being one of the Virginians.

Highlights of the Beagler's year

LISETER BEAGLES LUCKY is awarded champion bitch at the 29th Bryn Mawr Hound Show. (Photo Associates)

packs in the field in one day under different huntsmen and whippers-in. This is probably the only place in the world that a hunting enthusiast can view packs of beagles in the field, on wild game, from dawn to dark for four days in a row and is, of course, the best school in the world for would be huntsmen and whippers-in. Many of the top huntsmen and Masters of Fox Hounds in America and England cut their teeth as huntsmen to a pack of Beagles. To mention just two everyone will remember; the last James W. Appleton, Esq., Master of Myopia and the late W. Plunket Stewart, Esq., Master of the Cheshire.

Since the war Fox Hunting has seen many new faces. Many are keen to learn and want to do things right but unfortunately for all of us only too few are told what is what. A few foresighted M. F. H.'s, have taken the trouble to circulate a pamphlet among their members and subscribers on Hunting Etiquette with excellent results. Many more should do so. In Beagling this is a continuing problem as each season brings on a new batch of keen members of the younger generation. To educate these future Beaglers and probable fox hunters, we of the Treweryn have sent each a few simple statements on hunting etiquette. It is written, we hope, so that even the greenest of the green can understand it and is reproduced herewith, with the hope that it may give other Masters a thought on the subject. It can easily be changed to suit Fox Hunting, drag hunting or any field sport.

We hunt only through the courtesy of the farmers and other landowners. Our sport has become so popular that our present large following known as "The Field" can and does cause a certain amount of damage to property. Obviously, if this damage becomes serious we will not be permitted over certain farms and if one farm is closed to us it may quickly become impossible to hunt in that whole section of the country.

An experienced Beagler and one who has the best interests of the sport at heart will adhere strictly to the following rules:

1. Leave automobiles at the meet or parked on the side of the road. Keep them out of private lanes, fields or driveways.

2. Do not break fences or bend wire out of shape. Avoid wire fences if possible. Climb fences next to the posts or roll under them.

3. Keep off wheat or newly planted crops. Close any gate you open and do not disturb live stock. Repair any damage you do or report it to a member of the hunt staff.

As a member of the field you can be of great assistance in providing good sport and a good run for everyone, or you can, by doing the wrong things, easily ruin a good days sport for everyone.

The following hints may be of assistance to beginners:

Stay well behind the pack when they are searching for a hare (drawing), and also when they have found a hare and are running. Give them room to maneuver and never get ahead of them, if possible.

When hounds are running keep as quiet as possible and especially so when they lose the scent and come to a "check". Any noise distracts them, gets their heads up, and may cause a complete loss of the "line" they are running.

At our regular meets we hunt hare (Kansas Jack Rabbits) which have become native in the country. If hounds start a cotton tail rabbit we usually stop them as soon as possible and continue to hunt for hare. Never call Tally-Ho! when you see a cotton tail rabbit and never yell or Tally-Ho! when you see a hare unless hounds are not running or are at a loss **and you are within sight** of the huntsman. The correct procedure on viewing a hare is to carefully note exactly where you saw her and where she went, then hold your hat on high as a signal to the huntsman. If anyone yells, it attracts the hounds attention and they may view the hare themselves, this does not give the hare a fair start and results in a sight-chase. If you view a hare out of sight of the pack and the huntsman, carefully note the spot and the line she has taken and not-

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Beagle Packs

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ify a member of the hunt staff as soon as possible. If hounds are running do nothing as you may have a fresh hare and not the hunted hare.

When we are drawing for a hare, help cover the ground and spread out behind and to each side of the pack. By doing this you will save a lot of time for all of us in finding a hare.

If you have any questions in regard to the sport ask anyone wearing a green hunt coat. The right to wear these coats is given only to experienced Beaglers and they should be able to answer your questions.

Last of all, remember it costs a lot of money to feed and keep a pack of hounds, even Beagles. Our hunting is only for subscribers to the pack and farmers over whose land we hunt. A subscriber may bring out guests but he must pay a "Cap" fee of $1.00 per guest. After a guest has been out twice he is expected to become a subscriber himself if he wishes to continue hunting. If this is so be sure to give his name and address to a member of the hunt staff so he can be sent an invitation.

D. B. Sharp, Jr. Master

P. S. Only those out hunting are invited to teas given for "the field."

(Editor's Note: Since receiving Mr. Sharp's story, we were advised by Morgan Wing Jr., secretary, National Beagle Club of America that the roster of the beagles would not be available for publication until November.

Left: Dotie Thayer
Right: Bill Battin

Left: George Pettus, Right: Leslie Brown
Dogs: Overlook Apex, Sugarfoot, Ch. Gay Blade, and Smokey Sue II.

Left: Dick Harwood
Right: N.W. Pepple

Right: Jessie Pennoyer
Left: Jack Eyre

Right: Jean MacLeod "Teenie"
Left: Anne Wing

Mr. & Mrs. Ned Dane

Couch: Bun Sharpe
Left: John Burns
Right: Chet Smith

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THE WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES
WISH YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Left: Henri Prunaret
Right: Midi Tuckerman

Left: Mrs. J.A. DuPont
Center: George Klauder
Right: Henri Prunaret

Left: Mrs. B. Tuckerman
Right: Dick Harwood

Mrs. John Mull

Left: Justice Williams
Center: Morgan Wing
Right: Bill Sparkle Battin

Left: Mrs. Child
Right: Mrs.Allen Snowdon

Left: Mrs. Prunaret
Right: Mrs. T. L. Grier

Mr. and Mrs. John Mull
Carlos

Judges
Left: Dean Bedford
Right: John Grew

Aldie, Va. November 9-16, 1950

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

Field Trials Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch ALL AGE DOGS—30 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner	Address
1st	Amato's Little Dusty	Savoy E. Amato	Norfolk, Va.
2nd	Paradise Bugler	Harry Becker	York, New Salem, Pa.
3rd	Ameri Gay Blade	Robert McAfee	Berwick, Pa.
4th	Rail Creek Spot	Wayne McCarney	Mt. Wolf, Pa.
Res.	Shady Shores Skelly	I. W. Carrel	Greenfield, Ohio

13- Inch ALL AGE BITCHES—19 Starters

1st	Shady Shores Smokeygal	I. W. Carrel	Greenfield, Ohio
2nd	Manitou Smokelass	Albert Preston	Wernersville, Pa.
3rd	Wolver Bridesmaid	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
4th	Bare Hill Wrinkles	Elwood Wadsworth	Ruxton, Md.
Res.	Shady Shores Saintly	I. W. Carrel	Greenfield, Ohio

15-Inch ALL AGE DOGS—27 Starters

1st	Shiloh Doc	John Gunnett	Shiloh, Pa.
2nd	Indian Rock Meddler	Paul Schaefer	York, Pa.
3rd	Meyersdale Smokey	Paul Doressel	East Prospect, Pa.
4th	Beacon View Skipper	R. W. & H. E. Feighs	Muney, Pa.
Res.	Wolver Ebony	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.

15-Inch ALL AGE BITCHES—14 Starters

1st	Edmanson's Indiana Girl	John R. Edmanson	Elkton, Md.
2nd	Pep's Dawn	N. W. Pepple	Bedford, Pa.
3rd	Pep's Dare	N. W. Pepple	Bedford, Pa.
4th	Wildwood Majesty	N. M. Holdsworth	Indiana, Pa.
Res.	Helen Fay	Ernie J. Fimiani	Washington, D.C.

JUDGES:

WILLIAM J. DAWSON, East Freedom, Pa. ROBERT SHAWKEY, Myersdale, Pa.

PACK STAKES

13-Inch TWO COUPLE PACKS—9 Entries

Award	Packs	Owner	Address
1st	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
2nd	Shady Shores	I. W. Carrel	Greenfield, Ohio
3rd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
Res.	Wolver	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.

15-Inch TWO COUPLE PACKS—14 Entries

1st	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
2nd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
Res.	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.

FOUR COUPLE PACKS—8 Entries

1st	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
2nd	Treweryn II	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Md.
Res.	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

EIGHT COUPLE PACKS—2 Entries

1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.

13-Inch SPECIAL THREE HOUR STAKE—13 Entries

1st	Sir-Sister Ebro	Chetwood Smith	Boston, Mass.
2nd	Buckram Barmaid	Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
3rd	Wolver Garnet	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
Res.	Treweryn Welcome	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR., M.B.

15-Inch THREE HOUR STAKE—12 Entries

1st	Wolver Ebony	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
2nd	Wolver Melton	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
3rd	Buckram Barrister	Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
Res.	Sir-Sister Andy	Chetwood Smith	Boston, Mass.

HUNTSMAN: DAVID B. SHARP, JR., M.B.

JUDGES:

DEAN BEDFORD, Fallston, Md. JOHN GREW, Dover, Mass.

WARDS

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP
Two Couple Packs
Field Work 80%
Show Qualities 60%
Shady Shores—13-Inch

ROBERT P. W. HARRISON MEMORIAL TROPHY
Highest Total Scored Pack in the Field
Waldingfield Beagles
- 28 Points -

ERED COLLARS (BEAGLES)

Color of Collar	Kennel
Orange Edge Piping	Scotch Pl., N. J.
Gray	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
Light Brown	New Castle, Del.
Old Gold, Scarlet Piping	Peace, Md.
Dark Blue, Light Blue Piping	Newtown Square, Pa.
Green	Keswick, Va.
Buff	Bedford, Pa.
Yellow, Gray Piping	Hillsboro, N. Y.
Hunting Scarlet	Natick, Mass.
Green, Gold Piping	Greenville, Pa.
Black, Silver Piping	Henderson, N. C.
Blue, Brown Piping	Berwyn, Pa.
White, Scarlet Piping	Phoenix, N. J.
Orange, Yellow	Westtown, Mass.
Red, Blue Piping	Avon, Conn.
Parrot, Buff	Needles, Ohio
Buff, Light Blue Piping	Middleburg, Va.

ACTIVE PACKS WITH REGISTERED COLLARS (BASSETS, HARRIERS)

Name of Pack	Established	Master	Color of Collar	Kennel
Mountain Gate Harriers	1947	Andrew L. Haskell	Maroon	Bel Air, Md.
Tyndall Bassets	1947	Charles R. Rogers	Old Gold, Blue Piping	Hammond, Ind.

Advise secretary of any changes in Master or Active and Inactive Status of Packs

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The 61st National Beagle Club Trials

C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., President, Host At His Institute Farm, Aldie, Virginia; Waldingfield Takes Major Share of Trophies

June W. Badger

Dust coated the honeysuckle, the briars, the dead leaves along the roadsides. Dust rose in pale plumes behind the cars as they made their way on Wednesday, November 8 to the Institute Farm, Aldie, Va. The National Beagle Club was to start its 61st annual field trial on the following day beginning with the single stakes from the 9th to the 16th and the pack continuing through the 19th.

Thursday, the 9th, was warm and fair. Scenting conditions were poor and game scarce for the 13 inch all-age dogs to be run off Thursday and Friday. Rabbits either crept through the brush leaving little or no scent or got up far in front of the beaters or behind them.

Beaters had a hard time of it; Harvey (Bullfighter) Herb, original owner of "Kid W.", was especially active, as he was becoming fit for the winter season in Mexico; Leroy Beardsley, representative of the A. K. C., poked his stick into the thick brush. Horses were urged into briars and brambles, Field Marshall N. W. Pepple on his spotted pony; Secretary R. S. Spiker on Pep's other spotted pony; "Chet" Smith of the Sir-Sister pack, the old man of the trials, now 77, on the small chestnut grandson of Man o'War; Judges William J. Dawson, East Freedom, Pa. and Robert Shawkey, Meyersdale, Pa., sending out a welcome "tally-ho" through the week of the singles. Captain C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., President of the National Beagle Club and owner of the Wolver beagles, was sorely missed in the field due to sun poisoning, but kept good account of goings and comings at headquarters.

Sunday saw the finish of the stakes for the 13 inch all-age dogs and bitches. The big dogs (15 inch) were put down on Monday and the bitches Tuesday. The last day of the single stakes was little better than first, either as to scenting conditions or game. The sun had set before the third series of the 15 inch all-age bitches had been run, with the decision to be made between Edmonson's Indiana Girl, a very fast hound, and N. W. Pepple's Pep's Dare and Pep's Dawn. The afterglow lighted the pale broom straw to silver, the pines to a deeper green; brought out in vivid color the chalk white of horses, deep bays, chestnuts, tri-colors of hounds' coats. All faded into an indistinct landscape with only the cry of the hounds to help judges make their decisions, putting Indiana Girl over Pep's Dawn.

SUMMARIES

Thirteen inch all-age dogs, 30 entries—1. Amato's Little Dusty, S. E. Amato, Norfolk, Va.; 2. Paradise Bugler, Harry Becker, York, New Salem, Pa.; 3. Ameri Gay Blade, Robert McAfee, Berwick, Pa.; 4. Rail Creek Sport, Wayne McCarney, Mt. Wolf, Pa.; res. Shady Shores Shelly, I. C. Carrell, Greenfield, Ohio.

Thirteen inch all-age bitches, 49 entries—1. Shady Shores Smokey Gal, I. C. Carrell, Greenfield, Ohio; 2. Manlton Smokeless, A. Preston, Wernersville, Pa.; 3. Wolver Bridesmaid, C. O. Iselin, Jr., Middleburg, Va.; 4. Bare Hill Wrinkles, E. Wadsworth, Ruxton, Md.; res. Shady Shores Sanity, I. C. Carrell, Greenfield, Ohio.

Fifteen inch all-age dogs, 27 entries — 1. Shiloh Doc, J. Gunnett, Shiloh, Pa.; 2. Indian Rock Meddler, P. Schaefer, York, Pa.; 3. Meyerscale Smokey, P. Doressel, East Prospect, Pa.; 4. Beacon View Skipper, R. W. & H. E. Feigh, Muncy, Pa.; res. Wolver Ebony, C. O. Iselin, Jr., Middleburg, Va.

Fifteen inch all-age bitches, 14 entries—1. Edmonson's Indiana Girl, J. R. Edmonson, Elkton, Md.; 2. Pep's Dawn, N. W. Pepple, Bedford, Pa.; 3. Pep's Dare, N. W. Pepple, Bedford, Pa.; 4. Wildwood Majesty, N. M. Holdsworth, Indiana, Pa.; res. Helen Fay, E. J. Fimiani, Washington, D. C.

A shipment of six dozen native rabbits had come in from Missouri late Tuesday afternoon. Due to a Missouri state law, rabbits could not be shipped out before November 10, hence too late for the single stakes. They were turned loose that night, allowing them two nights and a day to get accustomed to their new country, before the pack classes started hunting on Thursday.

Thursday proceeded into a grey day with a hint of rain. Very few rabbits were evident, the opinion being that before a storm rabbits hold up. There were nine 13-inch two couple packs, Wolver I, Buckram, Glenstone, Treweryn, Shady Shores I, Waldingfield, Sir-Sister, Shady Shores II and Wolver II.

Waldingfield, which took the blue, worked as a pack, which is what all pack people strive for. They drew as a pack and ran as one and were very good at checks. One hound might have done some of the work, but the rest harkened to him.

Shady Shores I, owned by I. C. "Ike" Carrell, editor of Hounds and Hunting, ran to a kill taking 2nd place. This was the second time Shady Shores invaded the pack classes and the second time they drove hard to a kill. A few years ago Ike entered a 15-inch two couple with the same result to the game, but that year he won the class. These hounds did not work well as a pack, each hound for himself. However with all this they ran as a pack, showed good drive and were good at checks. They killed their rabbit, but did not know what to do with it afterwards, but they had a lot of drive and ran well together. Treweryn was 3rd and Wolver I, reserve. The judges for the pack stakes were Dean Bedford, Falliston, Md. and John Grew, Dover, Mass., both horse and hound men.

Thirteen packs ran in the class for two couples 15-inch, Buckram I, Waldingfield II, Sandanoma I, Waldingfield I, Hunting Hill, Raynham II. Sir-Sister, N. W. Pepple's (Pep) beagles, Raynham I, Overlook, Wolver, Treweryn and Buckram II.

Waldingfield again was judged the best pack with its No. 2 pack; Treweryn 2nd, Raynham II 3rd and Waldingfield I, reserve.

Remarks from Dean Bedford upon the 15-inch two couples, "You once in a great while get hounds to really run together and that is what Waldingfield No. 2 pack did on that late afternoon of Thursday. You must remember that the pack down before could not run their three rabbits. This pack, Waldingfield, found their rabbit, ran him with great drive, in and out of cover and the last over, they came out driving their rabbit, and you could have laid a blanket over them. It makes one's heart jump and shout with joy. In fact the first two packs-Waldingfield and Treweryn were very close."

"Treweryn had an excellent run. They are a sweet lot of hounds and Bun Sharp is a past master at hunting them—he knows all the tricks—his merry whistle has gotten other huntsmen sounding like canaries. The only difference between the two packs were that Treweryn took a little longer on their check in the woods, both packs having had the same trouble as the ground had been either ran over or walked over by the field. As I said before it is hard to get away from a pack which runs as a team."

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LISETER BEAGLES AT BRYN MAWR HOUND SHOW. Mrs. J. Austin duPont's Liseter Beagles won the 5 couple 13-inch event. Huntsman Jack Carson received the trophy. (Carl Klein Photo)

AT THE BRYN MAWR HOUND SHOW, Ellson Beagles of which Paul Wilson is Master. (Carl Klein Photo)

NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS. Upper left: Chetwood Smith, Joint-Master of the Sir-Sister Beagles, followed the trials on horseback. Upper right: Relaxation between trials for some of the entries and followers at the trials.

National Beagle Trials

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The Raynham pack had good drive and handled well, running well as a pack. At long checks they look for help or need help from the huntsmen. They did not account for their rabbit.

It was the first time for Field Marshall N. W. Pepple's hounds to run as a pack. He was off his pony this time and picked the "Grave Yard" as a hunting ground as no one wished to hunt hounds there due to poor scenting conditions, though rabbits seemed more plentiful. A rabbit was found almost immediately and hounds had a great run and down to a kill, but they did not work together close enough to place, one hound being out at the kill. They worked very well for hounds that had never even been walked as a pack and there are hopes that next year he will enter in the pack classes.

The four couples started with 8 packs on Saturday. Waldingfield won their third blue, doing a great piece of work to carry the line through a thick planting of Kafircorn. They were given their second rabbit in the "Grave Yard" and worked the line close together and with fine drive. Joe Child and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman of the Waldingfield were fortunate in finding Leslie Brown, Waldingfield's whipper-in, as he has done excellent work in training this good pack.

Treweryn I, which took 2nd, had an excellent hunt with all hounds working closely, but had one check in the woods when they were cut off by the gallery. "Here again," according to one of the judges, "it was very close between the first and second packs. In my books I would love to have either one. They both had the same conditions, but I should say that maybe the first pack worked or should say owned the line better." He went on to say that when one Waldingfield hound spoke the others would take it up and showed good team work.

Sandanoma killed a rabbit in a squat and could find no other at the time, so were given a second hunt later, taking reserve. The Raynham pack, owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carle, Keswick, Va., carried the line brilliantly over the short turf between the kennels and the Institute building running close and with good cry and earned 3rd ribbon. Mr. Carle, who carries the horn, is to be congratulated in the excellent showing of this pack. This was only their second year at the trials and they never ran out of the money. "Ned" Carle, former M. F. H. of the Westchester Hounds, is one of the beagle and hound authorities in the country and was first whipper-in to Mr. Reynal, when he was Master of the Westchester, later becoming master himself. Mr. Reynal's beagle pack which he had had over 40 years, was considered by many as the greatest developed pack in America. Dean Bedford bought them in 1928 and as the Pemberton Beagles won at the trials. The Carles came with their young son, Jake to help them and colored Charles Hughes, whipper-in, very trim and workmanlike.

Hounds were judged on the bench that same morning for the Turnbull Cup, offered by the family of Mr. Ramsay Turnbull for the best 15-inch beagle, dog or bitch and was awarded to Ch. Overlook Gay Blade; reserve to Overlook Snake Doctor, both owned by George Petus, Clarksville, Mo. The Liseter Plate, offered by Mrs. J. Austin duPont, calling for the best 13-inch beagle went to Buckram Modesty; reserve, Buckram Barmaid.

The National Challenge Cup, open to all packs which have placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the 13-inch and 15-inch two couple pack classes went to I. C. Carrell's Shady Shores beagles. This prize is awarded on the basis of 50 percent field work and 50 percent bench qualities. The Sir-Sister Cup for the highest scored pack in any class in the field was then awarded to the Waldingfield four couple pack.

Due to the scarcity of game, the trials were moved that afternoon to some brushy land around "The Chimneys" at the start of the Dover road. The two eight-couple packs and most of the gallery went by car. Five horses two for the judges, went over the road and cutting across country.

The first pack down was Treweryn in a very poor piece of country overgrown with thickets of brambles. Bunny Sharp had his own difficulties in hunting the hounds. They found and after a short run holed in a tangle of honeysuckle. Hounds were taken across the road to a more open and hilly field with great patches of briars. Two tally-hoes brought action. The pack gave a fair performance of hunting considering the dense briars to hole their rabbit. They hunted another equally well and were picked up running.

The sun was setting when the call was sent out for the Waldingfield pack. The bare sycamore trees below caught the slanting light, lacings of blotched gray and white, the pale yellow corn shocks in a plowed field and far beyond the smoky blue distance. A rabbit was found in a bramble thicket, and hounds worked the line out into the open to lose in another thicket. On the second rabbit, they went off with great cry, but also had trouble with the briars. The country was so thick that it was almost impossible to keep 16 hounds together. Horses went home by road, the land dim and grey, obscured and in darkness.

Saturday night, a good supper and well eaten accompanied by sparkling conversation, in which A. William (Sparkle Plenty) Battin took good part. Afterwards came the annual meeting and the stencilling of the hounds to run in the stakes the following day.

At the annual meeting of the club, definite steps were taken to improve game and running grounds for next year's trial. Stocking of rabbits will be done in the spring and probably again this winter and winter feed will be provided. It may be possible to construct a vermin proof enclosure for the protection of rabbits from foxes and other predators. Grass showed a decided improvement this year thanks to Mrs. duPont's steers, which she provided to graze the property last summer.

Thanks were expressed to the members of the Northern Virginia Beagle Club who provided lighting and water for the kennels and did great work in cutting brush and pine trees and improving the running grounds. A great many of these fine sportsman have become members of the National Beagle Club and it is hoped that many more will also join.

An encouraging feature of this year's pack classes was the entry of two men, who usually run only in the brace classes, Ike Carrell and N. W. Pepple. Each put down a really hot two couple and both had outstanding drives to a kill. A little work on pack disapline, walking out their hounds on couplings and then without them and being kept to heel by a boy with a whip, a little training on coming in quickly to the horn and these men would give the best packs in the country a run for their money. New packs are always welcome at the National and the performance this year of these two packs shows it can be done with hounds that run in the single classes.

Sunday was fair and cool, the ground damp. The special three hour stake for 13-inch hounds to be started together in a pack, but to be judged as single hounds, was run on Col. Cliffords' adjoining farm, open country with a stream at the foot of the hills and enough brush to entice a rabbit. Morgan Wing of the Sandanoma Beagles, was to act as huntsman. Thirteen hounds started in the stake, numbered (1) Sir-Sister Ebro, (2) Sir-Sister Beetle, (3) Waldingfield Tango, (4) Waldingfield Jimm, (5) Treweryn Welcome, (6) Wolver Garnet, (7) Wolver Glider, (8) Buckram Modesty, (9) Buckram Barmaid, (10) Shady Shores Saintly, (11) Shady Shores Smokey Gal, (12) Bohemia Fly, (13) Overlook Smokey Sue.

Numbers 2, 3, , and 8 7were picked up early afterwhich the remaining hounds had a great run up and down the rolling field to hole in a hollow. Numbers 11, 13 and 10 were then picked up leaving six hounds which a tally-ho brought flying. It was a most beautiful run in that open country, hounds giving tongue and fairly flying. "The Poor man's foxhounds" made one wish to gallop over the grass after them. The judges did gallop. They holed by the stream and that stake was finished leaving a lovely exciting memory to take back to the humdrum lift of working days.

The three hour stake for 15-inch hounds was moved back to the Institute grounds, with 12 hounds running in the stake, numbered (1) Sir-Sister Ebb, (2) Sir-Sister Andy, (3) Waldingfield Nimrod, (4) Waldingfield Nonsense, (5) Buckram Barrister, (6) Buckram Caustic, (7) Sandanoma Baker, (8) Sandanoma Merrymaker, (9) Wolver Ebony, (10) Wolver Melton, (11) Treweryn Barmaid, (12) Treweryn Mystery. Bunney Sharp of the Treweryn hunted hounds. The day had become cloudy, and damp, and scent was good. There seemed to be plenty of rabbits on this the last day. While the pack was running, one hound caught a rabbit which jumped from under his nose and had to be forcibly dissuaded from killing it. Number 11 was picked up. At 12 p. m. numbers 7, 8, and 3 were taken up. Hounds hunted well, but it was hard to see them due to the brush and pine—very thick going especially for the judges on horseback. Number 1 was picked up and sometime later 12, leaving five hounds down. They hunted well from the sound and covered quite a bit of rough territory. Horses and foot followers were hard put to stay with them, but the hounds enjoyed themselves. Five hounds were down at the finish at about 1:30 p. m.

Charlie Kirk put the last horse into the stable; Carlos' horn sounded, clear sad notes fading softly to silence, the last call to the last meal at the Institute, Sunday dinner, a delicious turkey dinner followed by a very fine cake brought by Mrs. Pepple. It did not come out of a store and it did not come out of a box.

The results of the stakes were announced during the meal, results which pleased all as "Chet's" Sir-Sister Ebro won the 13-inch stake and the Minstrel Cup; Captain's Iselin's Wolver Ebony, the 15-inch and the Treweryn Forger Cup. The winner of a new trophy was announced, the trophy presented by Treweryn, is the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy given in memory of Bob Harrison who used to whip for Treweryn at the trials. Waldingfield won the trophy with 38 points for the highest total scored pack in the pack classes in the field. Treweryn scored 31 points, Wolver 13 and Raynham 10. The Waldingfield owners, Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman and Joe Child departed laden with silver having won the Foxcatcher Plate for the best pack of two couples 13-inches and under; the Wheatley Frantic Cup for the best pack of two couples 15 inches and under; the Somerset Challenge Cup for the best pack of four couples in the field; the Sir-Sister Cup for the highest scored pack in any of the pack classes in the field and the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy.

Chairs scraped back from the long tables; accounts were settled in the office. A horse and wagon loaded high with bedding departed from the cabins. There were handshakings and goodbys and last pictures taken by Allen Snowden to be sent back from Canada. Cars were driven to the cabin doors to pick up baggage. The Institute Farm with its pines and broom sage and briar patches was slowly sinking back to the quiet oblivion of a long winter—probably much to the relief of the rabbits.

SUMMARIES

Thirteen-inch two couple (Foxcatcher Plate)—1. Waldingfield; 2. Shady Shores I; 3. Treweryn; res. Wolver I.

Fifteen-inch two couple (Wheatley Frantic Cup)—1. Waldingfield II; 2. Treweryn; 3. Rynham I; res. Waldingfield I.

Four couple (Somerset Challenge Cup)—1. Waldingfield; 2. Treweryn I; 3. Rynham; res. Sandanoma.

Eight couple (The Watchman Cup)—1. Treweryn; 2. Waldingfield.

National Challenge Cup—Shady Shores.

Liseter Plate — 1. Buckram Modesty; res. Buckram Barmaid.

Turnbull Cup — Champion: Overlook Gay Blade; res.: Overlook Snake Doctor.

Thirteen-inch three hour stake (Minstrel Plate)—1. Sir-Sister Ebro; 2. Buckram Barmaid; 3. Wolver Garnet; res.: Treweryn Welcome.

Fifteen-inch three hour stake (Treweryn Forger Cup)—1. Wolver Ebony; 2. Wolver Melton; 3. Buckram Barrister; res. Sir-Sister Andy.

Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy—Waldingfield.

Among those present: Chetwood Smith, Boston; C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Middleburg, Va.; C. W. Pepple, Bedford, Pa.; W. J. Dawson, East Freedom, Pa.; I. W. Carrell, Greenfield, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Natick, Mass.; Wm. J. Gubbel, Ambler, Pa.; Anne Wing, Morgan Wing, Millbrook, N. J.; Adele Leavitt, Millbrook, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carle, Jake Carle, Keswick, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bedford, Fallston, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Snowden, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Child, Westwood, Mass.; David R. Sharp, Jr., Westchester, Pa.; John Brice, Bedford, Pa.; Harvey Shaffer, Bedford, Pa.; Betsy Philler, Washington, D. C.; H. Justice Williams, Philadelphia; H. William Battin, Paoli, Pa.; George T. Petus, Clarksville, Mo.; Jane H. Lammert, Clarksville, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Buhler, Highland Park, Ill.; T. Hallowell, Jr., Long Island; C. A. Robinson, Elkton, Md.; John B. Todd, Devon, Pa.; C. Barton Higham, Edgemont, Pa.; J. M. Copperthait, Far Hills, N. J.; Mrs. J. Austin du Pont, Newtown Square, Pa.; Evelyn and John Mull, Malvern, Pa.; C. Macleod, Jr., Berwyn, Pa.; James G. Lamb, Jr., Berwyn, Pa.; Lorna Ainsworth, Long Island, Richard H. Thompson, Rodman E. Thompson, Jr., Devon, Pa.; Freeman H. Ainsworth, Salisbury, Md.; H. W. "Frog" Hayes, High Point, N. C.; John Grew, Dover, Mass.

The Northern Virginia Beagle Club which held its trials at the Institute about a month before the National trials, have made Chetwood Smith and C. O. Iselin honorary members. They are seriously considering joining the National Trials next year.

Points for the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy are computed as follows: first in pack classes, 10 points; second, 8 points; third, 5 points. In the three hour special stakes: 7 points for first; 4 points for second and 2 points for third.

National Callenge Cup
Two Couple Pack

Shady Shores--13 inch

Entries for
National Challenge Cup
Foreground: Treweryn
Background: Waldingfield
Treweryn
Shady Shores

Turnbull Cup
1st Ch. Overlook Gay Blade
Res. Overlook Snake Docter

Waldingfield Entry for
National Challenge Cup

Show Awards
Morgon Wing

The Turnbull Cup
Best 15 Inch
Overlook Gay Blade

Left to Right

Jack Eyre	Josiah Child	Mrs. M. Wing
Mrs. J. Baker	George Pettus	Bud Warden
John Baker	Adele Leavitt	henri Prunaret
Morgan Wing	Jane Lammert	

Judging for
National Challenge Cup
Left: Shady Shores
Right: Waldingfield

13 Inch Stake

Mounted;	Standing;	
Mrs. J. Baker	John Baker	Mrs. Hutchison
Judge Bedford	George Pettus	Ike Carrel
Allen Snowden	Bill Battin	Leslie Brown
Pepple	Dick Harwood	Charlie Kirk
Judge Grew	Mrs. Prunaret	Barry Whittall

13 Inch
Three Hour Stake

Left to Right

Justice Williams	John Baker
Mrs. Snowden	John Todd
Bill Battin	Leslie Brown

1950

National Beagle Trials At Institute

Merry Little Hounds Work Out Twisting Lines Through Briars and Brush As Guests Of Beagle Club President Iselin

June Badger

The National Beagle Club held its annual field trials November 4 to 14 at the Institute, Aldie, Va. the singles running through the morning of the 10th; the packs from Thursday the 11th until lunch on Sunday, November 14.

In November the cedar berries are a putty blue; the dogwood scarlet, and the bay-berries trail heavy pink branches across the path. Persimmons are ripe on grey branches. Pale yellow brown sage and young pines and cedars cover the Institute hills and the sumac send up stiff red velvet plumes among the blackberry patches still dark with leaves. The country here is a haven for the small brown cottontail.

Besides the native rabbits, the Beagle Club turned out 300 more as there must be enough game for 333 hounds entered in the singles to hunt to say nothing of the packs later.

Before the starting of each class, the field trial Secretary, R. I. Spiker, draws the numbers of hounds at random for the braces to be run so that no two hounds belonging to the same owner are put down together. The first brace of the 13 inch Derby (hounds, including both sexes, whelped after January 1, 1947) went down at 6:20 a. m. Thursday. The judges, Harry Truxel, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and Charles Kuhns, Fayette City, Pa., follow hounds on horses, from which they can see both rabbit and beagles to great advantage. Irish Day, an old chestnut hunter, and Grace, a white work mare of versatile accomplishments usually carry the judges, but as it is strenuous work to follow beagles from dawn to dusk they are changed during the day. Captain C. O. Iselin, Jr. President of the National Beagle Club, and the Institute, Corporation, who makes the trials here possible, rides his small bay mare; Chetwood Smith, the old man of them all, who has hounds in both the singles and the packs, has a small chestnut and N. W. Pepples, the general factotum, lurks quietly about on his spotted pony. The handlers and the rest of the field go on foot.

There is as much pleasure watching a beagle or a pack of beagles working out the twisting line of a cottontail as the larger variety on a fox, and the quarry is so easily seen. The small hounds should not cast wide as a fox hound casts, but should stay as close to the checks as possible. They are easily handled and their handling and manners count a great deal in the judging. Some of the field push through the underbrush with long sticks. "Tally Ho", off to the left and a brace of beagles are put down on the line. They hunt, twisting, turning, stopping and on again with sharp cry until the judges are satisfied as to their ability. Then "Pick up your hounds", and the handlers catch and leash their beagles. The next brace goes down.

Weather held fine and warm during the ten days with the exception of one day of mist and light rain when 33 braces were run off.

The judging of the singles was finished by noon on Wednesday, November 10 and the packs and their owners started to arrive soon after. Excited beagles took over the kennels; excited owners, the cabins behind the Institute building, greetings and banter and the red glow of fires.

Nine two couples 15 inch packs went down early Thursday morning. Scenting was rather catchy in the morning, improving somewhat in the afternoon. Sandanona made the first kill of the packs with a long close drive. The pack deserves great credit as they are newly organized, being made up of wedding presents given by various beaglers to Ann and Morgan Wing. They have lately acquired the nick-name of Pandamonion, due to an unpremeditated three-hour deer hunt at the Gladstone Trials.

Captain C. O. Iselin's Wolver No. 1 pack took second, marking a rabbit in a stone wall despite bad scenting conditions. The Buckram Beagles were placed third showing good noses with very close work for half an hour under poor scenting conditions and working in high broom sage. The reserve went to Benjamin Chitwood's Babylonians. This pack won the National Challenge Cup, for the best pack of two couples 15 inches or 13 inches under, 50 per cent in the field, 50 per cent on the bench, their score on the bench bringing them up. They were beautiful as to marking color and balance.

The 13 inch two couples started the middle of Friday morning with 10 entries. Josiah Child's Waldingfield No. 1 Pack showed especially fine close pack work to win this stake. On their first rabbit, they worked as a pack, staying close together at all times and finally ran to a loss. They were allowed a second rabbit which they ran in a beautiful circle and were taken up running. Two unentered hounds in this pack showed unusual ability and shared evenly in the work, especially Problem. Also one of the pack was Ravish, bred and hunted by the late "Uncle Jimmy" Appleton. They showed excellent manners and handling. Wolver took second in this stake, accounting for their rabbit. They were a well balanced pack with very good manners. "Bunny" Sharp's Treweryn Pack was given third place. They were not as well balanced, as in the first part of the hunt one hound tended to run wide, but in the end they all worked into a fine drive through the woods.

Reddington "Mice", reserve, nicknamed because of their size, had poor scenting against them and could not drive as steadily. In addition, Mrs. Austin DuPont's Lisester No 1 Pack and the Shady Shores Pack of Ike Carrol, Editor of Hounds and Hunting, put up very good performances.

Treweryn holed three rabbits in the Four Couples and won the stake in which 12 packs ran. Sandanona took second, Waldingfield I, third and Wolver, reserve. Wolver was the last pack down, near dark in the late afternoon. Scenting was good and hounds found quickly. The eight hounds worked very closely, with good drive especially at the checks. They put one rabbit to ground and judges wanted to give them another rabbit, which proved hard to find. They drew for 40 minutes, all hounds searching together with perfect pack work, and found very late —almost dark. Hounds carried the line until picked up. Bobbie Harrison, who whips for several beagle packs, said their's was the prettiest and closest pack work he had seen for some time and that he considered it an honor to whip to them.

Saturday morning five packs ran in the eight couple stake. Scenting was good and there was no wind. Waldingfield, Wolver and Treweryn were put down in the morning. After lunch John K. Copperthwaite judged the bench show. The Babylonian Pack won the National Challenge Cup; Liseter's Sir Sister Rival, bred by Captain Iselin of the Wolver pack, won the Welfare Cup for the best 13 inch hound, Waldingfield Pumpkin was reserve; and Babylonian Boaster won the Turnbull Cup for the best 15 inch beagle. This hound won the cup last year. Ben Chitwood's Babylonian Bellman I took reserve.

In the afternoon a high wind sprung up, a great disadvantage to the two remaining eight couple packs, Liseter and Buchram. Treweryn won the stake; Buckram, second; Liseter, third; and Waldingfield, reserve. Treweryn also won with their four couple pack the Sir Sister Cup, given by "Chet" Smith for the highest scored pack in the field.

Saturday night after an excellent dinner, Joe Child stenciled the hounds for the stakes on Sunday. Each hound carries a number on both sides. By this number he is known in the stake in which he runs. Hounds are entered from different packs and hunt together as a pack. Each master is allowed to enter two 13 inch and two 15 inch hounds, which must have previously run in the pack classes. Most of them have never hunted together and it is a good test.

After the hounds were painted the National Beagle Club had its meeting, following which John Bruce, who judged the packs with Harry Truxel, gave a talk on the judging of a pack of beagles.

His speech was most interesting, clear and well stated and some of it should be used here. "The interpretation of a pack", said Mr. Bruce, "is a given number of hounds working as a unit. First of all is the hunting or preformance of a pack in which a judge must look for accuracy and cooperation. Without the latter, there is not a pack. Accounting for game is desirable but a pack can win without accounting. Balance is also important—in speed and hunting ability. Skirting is not good. Hounds should not "reach"; they should remember where the check is; they can not stay too close to a check and they should always be together-never break up at a check. Too, come pack manners-the handling and control."

Saturday night was very gay; talk of horses and hounds and the Middleburg races; Howard Fair playing the violin; fires burning low in the cabins.

At 7:45 Sunday morning the twelve 13 inch hounds went down in the pack stake, hounds to find their own game. Morgan Wing was huntsman, running with the pack, the judges following on horses together with a number of the field as both hounds and rabbit can be so much more easily seen. Bunny Sharp of the Treweryn rode a young grey work mare, Captain Iselin had recently bought for the purpose. She was new to the game and a bit nervous, scattering at times the field, which showed an agility unsuspected from their normal behaviour. She was learning though, to walk through tangled briars and bushes and not to flinch at brushing pine bows, to stand quietly at a check. An old white horse, hired for the occasion took quite an interest in the hunting and moved with the hounds when they again found the line.

The second judge was Harry Truxel who had judged the singles. He had never judged packs before and had kindly agreed to help John Brice. Pack Judges are hard to find and he did very excellent work much to the satisfaction of everyone.

The pack stakes can hunt up to three hours or until the judges are satisfied as to the best hounds. Hounds not up to standard are picked up at any time during the running. The first four were picked up that morning at 9:05. Shortly after a rabbit ran along a stone wall, froze there surrounded by hounds. He watched them hunting so near him, but not yet near enough to make a sudden leap. Treweryn Barbara came too near and he was off in front of her into the brush to be marked shortly in a hollow log.

During the early morning, at the time of the 13 inch stakes, hounds found game readily. Another rabbit was seen without much delay. Colored Harry Grayson saw him in a "squat". Harry Grayson flicks the briar patches with a hunting crop and "Tally Hoes" five out of six rabbits and he runs with the pack.

"Pick up number 5, 6 and 3," the last was running wide at the checks. Five hounds were left in and after about twenty minutes of hunting they placed their hounds. Captain Iselin's Wolver Garnet and Wolver Glider were first and second, very keen little hounds with good noses and showing close, careful work. Treweryn Barbara was placed third. She worked closely and well, but did not make the necessary effort to run with strange hounds. She showed little cooperation when drawing but hunted well after game was started. Waldingfield Dandy placed reserve.

At 10:40 a. m., the 15 inch stakes started, 13 hounds went down. Rabbits were harder to find, there was confusion on a fox, and when rabbits were found, they ran a short time and went to ground. As a result judging was difficult. Joe Child hunted hounds the first half, Captain Iselin the last.

The first rabbit was struck below the Institute garden and killed after a very short run. The second, Harry Grayson saw in a "squat", and he was soon marked to ground. Hounds went off on a fox and two remained out. Finally five hounds were left down and after some hard work, a decision was made. For the third consecutive year Treweryn Barrister placed first; second went to Wolver Ebony as of last year; third to Buckram Docile again as of last year and reserve to Buckram's Vernon Somerset Motive.

Everybody was hungry and dinner was delayed. "The Captain must wash his hands", and colored Carlos refused to blow the coaching horn from the high porch of the Institute. Beagles sat on the long steps running up to the porch and leaning over the railing above. Howard Fair played his violin, Bunny McLeod of the Treweryns, his banjo and Carlos his jews harp. They had a concert and Bayard Tuckerman danced. Finally Carlos blew his horn. The dining room clattered and hummed. Food disappeared rapidly.

Beagles waited patiently in trailers and boxes, their small black noses pressed against the screens; their eyes, wistful. Beagles called "Good Bys" to one another and drove away. The Institute settled back into silence; the wind softly sighing through broom sage and pine.

Packs

13 inch Two Couples—10 started—1. Waldingfield I; 2. Wolver; 3. Treweryn; reserve, Reddington Foot Beagles.

15 inch Two Couples—9 started—1. Sandanona; 2. Wolver I; 3. Buckram; res., Babylonian.

Four Couples—12 packs started—1. Treweryn; 2. Sandanona; 3. Waldingfield I; res., Wolver.

Eight Couples—5 packs started—1. Treweryn; 2. Buckram; 3. Liseter; res., Waldingfield.

13 inch Stakes—12 started—1. Wolver Garnet; 2. Wolver Glider; 3. Treweryn Barbara; res., Waldingfield Dandy.

15 inch Stakes—13 started—1. Treweryn Barrister; 2. Wolver Ebony; 3. Buckram Docile; res., Buckram's Vernon Somerset Motive.

Singles

13 inch Derby—16 started—1. Step-A-Head Captor, L. Dosnouski; 2. Shady Shores Sibby, I. W. Carrell; 3. Wilson's Clipper II, P. Oldfield; res., Gladwood Yankee, E. Wadsworth.

13 inch All Age Dogs—112 started—1. Ryer's Hunter, P. Kelly; 2. Hopalong Bingle, S. McManus; 3. Bair's Sport, P. Kelly; 4. Rodger's Contented Bob, George De Weerd; res., Bull City Smoky, P. McGhee.

13 inch All Age Bitches—106 started—1. Dunn's Pride and Joy, M. Morris; 2. Wrape's Ruby, J. H. Wrape; 3. Lark Ima Dottie, D. F. Springer; 4. White Art Cuddle, Dr. B. L. Page; res., Meyersdale Buglette, R. F. Shockey.

15 inch Derby—13 started—1. Jolly Boy Smokey, H. Eickes; 2. Yount's Betty II, F. L. Yount; 3. Wrape's Hawk, J. H. Wrape; res., Rosie, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sutton. Judge: John S. Brice, Bedford, Pa.

15 inch All Age Dogs—60 started—1. Kris Kringle Assault, C. E. McClelland; 2. McClelland's Butcher Boy, A. M. McClelland; 3. Robust o fRolling Rocks, C. Nixon; 4. Lou's Humpty, L. Franzreb; res., Sutton's Wingle's Trailer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sutton.

15 inch All Age Bitches—26 started—1. Shogoin Sally, D. H. Reed; 2. Parker's Carolina Lady, H. H. Higgins & R. Robinson; 3. Bayou Blue Midget, J. D. Daigree; 4. Shady Shores Spangle, I. W. Carrell; res., Wolver Neida, N. W. Pepple.

Reserve is important only in the instance of an objection in the placing of one of the four hounds.

National Beagle Club Field Trials

(Photos courtesy Allen Snowdon)

C. O. Iselin's Wolver Beagle is stenciled.

Chetwood Smith from Sir-Sister Beagles.

Henri Prunard stands the beagle as Josiah Child stencils.

Another ~~Waldingfield Beagle~~ on the table being stenciled by Mr. Child. SANDANONA'S VERNON SOMERSET MYSTERY

The Bayard Tuckermans and Miss Tuckerman.

Music-(L. to r.): Carlos Grayson, Bunny McLeod and H. Fair.

Mrs. T. Grier of Bethel Lake Beagles and Howard Fair.

Judges Harry Truxell, (left) and John Brice.

WILLIS & JUNE BADGER
EARLE & TUCKERMAN

June Badger

Just Standing Around
Ike Carrel — Dick Harwood
Adele Leavitt — Henri Prunaret
Jack Eyre — Cecil Grace
Annie Wing

Left: Mrs. Child
Right: Bunny MacLeod

Left: Edward Carle
Right: Bayard Tuckerman

Left: Judge Grew
Right: Mrs. Child

Left: Morgan Wing
Right: June Badger

Left: Dick Harwood
Right: Ike Carrel

Judge Grew

Left: Barry Whittall
Right:

Sandanona 2 Couple
Ann Wing

Mrs. Tuckerman
Dick Harwood

I. W. Carrol & His
Two Couple Winners of
The National Challenge Cup

Buckrum 2 Couple
Jack Eyre Jessie Pennoyer

Westy Frazier
Adele Leavitt Lois Frazier

L. to R.
Mrs. Dupont Two Female Fannies
John Baker J. Klauder

Painting Hounds
James Lamb
Ben Chitwood Justice Williams

Mr. & Mrs. John Mull
C. Allen Snowden

Chetwood Smith

Raynam 2 Couple
Jake Carle Charles Hughes
Mrs. Edward Carle

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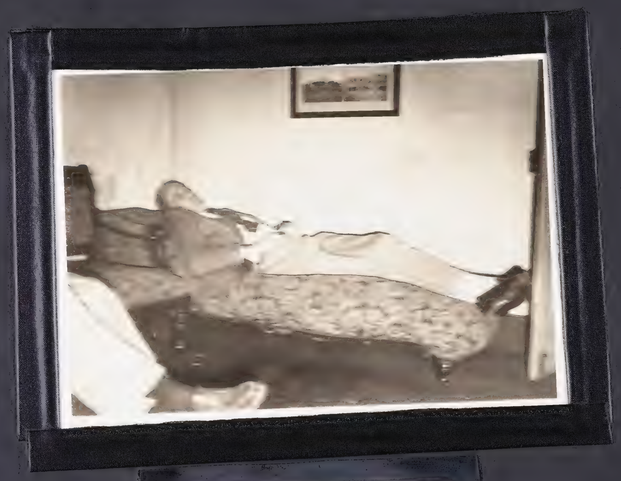
Square Dance
L. to R.

William Gribbel	E. H. Welbourne
Ned Dane	Bayard Tuckerman
George Pettus	James Lamb

C.O. Islin
N.W. Pepple seated

Tom Fulwieller
and the "Girls"

Unidentified
Jack Carson Ed Hendersnot



"Sleeping Beauty"
Snarp

Leslie Brown
& Mrs. Child

Morgan Wing Jr,

Carlos
Defending the Institute

Jane Dane & C.O. Iselin Jr.

1951

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB FIELD TRIALS

Premium List of the 62nd Annual Field Trials to be held at Institute Farm, Aldie, Va.

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November 8-18, 1951

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RULES

Single stakes start on Thursday, November

All Single entries must be on hand before the start of the stake in which entered. No entries will be accepted after the stake is started.

These trials are held under the Running Rules of the National Beagle Club and in accordance with rules of American Kennel Club.

It is expressly understood and agreed that the National Beagle Club reserves the right to reject the entry of any dog or bitch that, from the best information obtainable and according to its judgment, is not a pure bred Beagle.

All hounds must be brought before the Measuring Committee for measurement before the drawing of the stake in which they are entered. Measurements to be official for National Beagle Club Field Trials.

All hounds sent in care of the club will be cared for under directions of the Club. Competent handlers will be on hand to handle and run hounds in trials, in case the owners fail to reach the place of meeting on time. Kennels and feed for the beagles will be furnished by the Club.

The dog food for these trials has been kindly donated by the
BANNOCK FOOD COMPANY, WEST CHESTER, PA.

It is expressly stipulated and understood, however, that the National Beagle Club does not hold itself responsible for loss or damage done to any hound sent to its care.

Every hound must be the Bona Fide Property of the person making its entry.

A hound shall be under judgment every time he is down, whether with brace mate or with bye.

Single Stakes

ENTRY FEE $5.00

Entry fees need not be paid until drawing of stake. Should any entry be declared withdrawn or disqualified before the drawing of the stake, any prepaid entry fee will be returned.

The first class will be drawn at 7:30 A.M. Thursday, November

The following classes will be drawn at the conclusion of the running of each proceeding class or at such time and in such order as the Field Trial Committee may designate.

ORDER OF RUNNING

13 inch All-age Dogs, Thurs.-Fri. 15 inch All-age Dogs, Mon.
13 inch All-age Bitches, Sat.-Sun. 15-inch All-age Bitches, Tues.

The Committee reserves the right to declare off any or all stakes and in the event of any stake being declared off, money will be refunded.

All hounds entered at these Trials must be either registered or "listed" with the American Kennel Club. A listing fee of 25 cents must accompany the entry where a hound is entered as listed instead of showing a registration number.

This Club assumes the collection and forwarding to the American Kennel Club of all listing fees, also recording fees of 25 cents for every hound in these trials.

Pack Stakes

Fee to start $15.00. Entries may be made previous to drawing of stake. 13 inch stakes will be run first unless the Field Trial Committee determines otherwise.

NOTE:—There must be five or more entries to start or the first prize only will be given. Should there be more than seven entries, the third prize will be given.

As a guidance for judges of pack classes, hounds should be left alone as much as possible. A pack may be penalized when helped by the huntsman or anyone associated with the pack.

A pack will not be penalized should a fox or a deer divert its draw or hunt and if time is at all permissable, the pack upon collection will be ordered to search for a rabbit in the event that the judges do not have sufficient information on which to score the pack.

Huntsmen will report to the Judges with their packs uncoupled.

A pack shall start its own game unless otherwise instructed.

Rates at the Club House: Single Stakes, $5.00; Pack Stakes, $6.00 a day including meals. Each extra meal, Breakfast, $1.00, Other $1.50.

During the trials and for the two weeks preceding them, it is ordered that no hunting or trailing of rabbits be allowed on or within half a mile of the Institute Farm, Major Clifford's and such parts of Mr. Metzger's land as are used by the Club for field trial purposes.

ATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP
Two Couple Packs
Field Work 50%
Show Qualities 50%
1st Liseter—13 inch

HARRISON
TROPHY
red Pack
Field
agles—39 points
agles—20 points

S (BEAGLES)

Collar	Kennel
Piping	Sewell, N. J.
	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
	New Castle, Del.
arlet Piping	Easton, Md.
ight Blue Piping	Newtown Square, Pa.
	Keswick, Va.
Piping	Millbrook, N. Y.
arlet	Natick, Mass.
Piping	Fairville, Pa.
r Piping	Henderson, N. C.
Piping	Berwyn, Pa.
let Piping	Peapack, N. J.
	Westwood, Mass.
	Novelty, Ohio
Blue Piping	Middleburg, Va.

ASSETS, HARRIERS)

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n	Red Bank, N. J.
old, Blue Piping	Hampstead, Md.

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Highland, Maryland
1950 Ainsworth, Eleanor
New Hyde Park, L. I., New York
1906 Appleton, F. R., Jr.
63 Wall St., New York 5, N. Y.
1947 Armstrong, Arthur S.
County Line Road, Novelty, Ohio
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Huntley Rd., Windsor, Ohio
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310 East 72nd St., New York, N. Y.
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Fallston, Md.
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Fallston, Md.
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1949 Burns, John
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111 Gallowstree Lane, Vienna, Va.
1944 Campbell, Harry E.
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1935 Cann, Homer
West Chester, Pa.
1911 Carle, Edward H.
Keswick, Va.
1947 Carle, Mrs. Edward H.
Keswick, Va.
1951—Carle, J. Jacob II
Keswick, Va.
1946 Carrel, I. W.
Greenfield, Ohio
1939 Casey, Mrs. James J.
Peapack, N. J.
1915 Challinor, Mrs. David
Noroton, Conn.
1920 Challinor, David
Noroton, Conn.
1936 Child, Josiah H.
50 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.
1949 Child, Mrs. Josiah H.
Westwood, Mass.
1948 Chitwood, Benjamin G.
Fulton, Md.
1950—Cissel, W. O.
213 Strathmeade St., Fall Church, Va.
1945 Conlan, R. J.
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c/o West Heating Plant
29th & K St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
1951—Conolly, Anne
Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.
1951—Conolly, Dr. Joseph B.
Glen Cove, L. I., N. Y.
1936 Cowperthwaite, Mrs. John K.
Far Hills, N. J.
1936 Cowperthwaite, John K.
Far Hills, N. J.
1950—Crack, V. T.
3710 6th Rd., Arlington, Va.
1939 Crowe, Philip K.
Easton, Md.
1935 Dane, Edward
69 Randolph Rd., Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.
1938 Dane, Mrs. Edward
69 Randolph Rd., Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.
1951—Davison, James B.
Clifton, Va.
1951—Devers, J. W.
2922 Richmond Hwy, Groveton, Va.
1951—Dewey, Gordon
Washington, D. C.
1946 Diehl, F. C.
Grantsville, Md.
1946 Diehl, Dr. H. C.
Frostburg, Md.
1928 Dodge, Mrs. M. Hartley
Madison, N. J.
1931 DuPont, Mrs. J. Austin
Newton Square, Pa.
1936 Draper, Mrs. Ford
Chadds Ford, Pa.
1941 Draper, Ford
Chadds Ford, Pa.
1948—Ebel, Edwin W.
250 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.
1936 Enders, Ostrom
Avon, Conn.
1951—Ethridge, J. W.
Box 521, Braddock Rd., Alexandria, Va.
1931 Ewell, Arthur W.
55 Jackson Street, Worcester 8, Mass.
1917 Exum, James G.
Box 86, Snow Hill, N. C.
1948 Eyre, John L.
111 East 75th St., New York 21, N. Y.
1948 Fair, Howard C.
"Fox Hill", Box 38, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
1936 Fair, Mrs. Howard C.
"Fox Hill", Box 38, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
1946 Fairchild, David
Far Hills, N. J.
1949 Fehr, Miss Nancy
Whitemarsh, Pa.
1951—Firriani, E. J.
329 34th Place, N.E. Washington, D.C.
1917 Ford, Andrew
2870 Clarkson Rd., Cleveland Hts., Ohio
1932 Ford, Horatio
Williamson Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio
1947 Ford, Mrs. Horatio
Williamson Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio
1949 Frazier, W. W. IV
Newtown Square, Pa.
1947 Freed, Joseph
1435 Fern Ave., Reading Pa.
1938 Fulweiler, Thomas B.
Paoli, Pa.
1949 Fulweiler, Mrs. Thomas B.
Paoli, Pa.
1950 Foltz, I. S.
Box 229, Becan Hill Rd., Alexandria, Va.
1925 Gambrill, Mrs. R. V. N.
Peapack, N. J.
1913 Gambrill, R. V. N.
Peapack, N. J.
1949 Garvan, Anthony N. B.
Javvettown, Pa.
1936 Girvin, Davidson K.
1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1947 Girvin, Mrs. Davidson K.
1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1947 Girvin, Miss Ethel C. L.
1023 Lakewood Ave., Durham, N. C.
1946 Glenn, J. W., Jr.
Syosset, L. I., N. Y.
1951—Goins, James, M.
5510 Columbus Pike, Arlington, Va.
1950 Grace F. Cecil
25 East 86th St., New York 28, N. Y.
1950 Grew, John
Dover, Mass.
1948—Gribbel, William G.
Boenning & Co., 1606 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.
1948—Gribbel, Mrs. Elizabeth L.
Box 267, Snug Harbor, Rehoboth, Del.
1925 Grier, Thos. L.
Public Ledger Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.
1948 Grier, Mrs. Thomas L.
Sewell, N. J.
1925 Griffin, William V.
20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.
1933 Griswold, A. B.
135 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.
1949 Halloweil, Thomas J., Jr.
Northport, L. I., N. Y.
1937 Hannum, Mrs. John B. 3rd
Unionville, Pa.
1951—Hart, Mrs. Helen
Vineyard Haven, Mass.
1948 Harwood, Richardson
Natick, Mass.
1927 Haskell, Amory L.
Redbank, N. J.
1947 Hattersley, Robert C.
Glen Head, Long Island N. Y.
1951—Hess, J. R.
9707 Baltimore Blvd., Berwyn, Md.
1949 Higham, G. Barton
Downington, Pa. Rd. 2
1951—Hopper, Hugh L.
15 Fairview Ave., Madison, N. J.
1950 Hundt, George S.
Berwyn, Pa.
1925 Hurd, Edward
Chestertown, Md.
1949 Hurry, Renwick W.
Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.
1925 Huyler, Fred
Gladstone, N. J.
1950 Hutchison, Mrs. Ludwell T.
Aldie, Va.
1913 Iselin, C. Oliver, Jr.
Middleburg, Va.
1913 Jones, Paul
1033 Brush Hill Road, Milton 86, Mass.
1948 Kann, James J.
Chadds Ford, Pa.
1946 Keefe, Mrs. Rodger M.
205 East 72nd Street, New York, N. Y.
1947 Klauder, George C.
123 So. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1946 Lamb, James G.
Media, Pa.
1940 Lamb, James G., Jr.
Berwyn, Pa.
1947 Lamb, Mrs. James G., Jr.
Berwyn, Pa.
1949 Leavitt, Miss Adele
Millbrook, N. Y.
1912 Massey, G. Gordon
Howell's Point, Trappe, Maryland
1941 McIntosh, Mrs. Gregory S.
Warrenton, Va.
1938 MacLeod, Cameron, Jr.
Glen Moore, Pa.
1947 MacLeod, Mrs. Cameron, Jr.
Glen Moore, Pa.

ROSTER OF BEAGLE PACKS

1951

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

There are fifteen packs of beagles registered with the National Beagle Club, one pack of bassets, and one pack of harriers. During the past year two beagle packs were dropped due to inactivity from our list of active packs, a fact which we greatly regret.

As stated last year, the objective of the National Beagle Club is to improve in the field and on the bench the beagle in America and to encourage beagling, including holding field trials and registering packs of beagles. In an effort to further the sport of beagling through the establishment of new packs, the executive committee through the pages of The Chronicle announced a plan to help new beagle packs get started. Briefly, the registered packs have joined together to sell at a reasonable price, well bred, pack broken, hunting beagles to anyone interested in starting a new pack. Their pack trained beagles would not be available to the purchaser of single beagles from the ordinary beagle kennel.

Beagling, or hunting the hare on foot, following a pack of hounds, is one of the oldest forms of hunting, being well established long before the first fox hunting pack in England was ever thought of. It is one of the best schools of fox hunting and a great many of America's foremost Masters of fox hounds started hunting when they were children with a pack of beagles.

Any thoughtful Master of foxhounds would welcome the establishment of a pack of beagles in his country as he knows it will instill a love of hunting, sportsmanship and country life in the younger members of the community. In this connection we understand that there is some thought being given to establishing a pack of beagles in the fox hound country of the Rolling Rock Hunt, Ligonier, Pa. We hope that this pack will become a reality and we all stand ready to help with hounds.

No large draft of beagles is available from any pack, however, each is willing to sell a few. The secretary of the National Beagle Club, Morgan Wing, Jr., Millbrook, N. Y., will welcome any letters of inquiry on the subject and will be pleased to be of assistance in the mechanics of starting a pack of beagles.

May our sport continue to grow and flourish during the coming year.

BETHEL LAKE BEAGLES

Sewell.
New Jersey
Established 1933

Private Pack Hunt livery and colors: Green, orange collar, blue piping. Master and Huntsman: Thomas L. Grier; Whippers-in (Honorary): Carl A. Robinson, (Professional) George Starr. 13½ couples, 15 inch beagles are kenneled at Bethel Lake Farm, R. D. No 2, Sewell, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Hounds met 55 times last season between September 1st and April 1st. Cotton-tail rabbits are hunted on the grounds of the Delsea Beagle Club. Jack rabbits and native brown hare are hunted on nearby farmland and orchards and also large dairy country some miles northeast. The Buckram Beagles were guests four times last season and the Treweryn Beagles once. Present pack stems directly from a Vernon-Somerset draft combined with Treweryn blood.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
L. I. N. Y.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members, others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar, evening green, gray silk facings. Master: (1952) John C. Baker, Jr. Honorary Secretary Thomas J. Hallowell, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Assistant Huntsman: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) John L. Eyre, Henry B. Thompson III, Eleanor Ainsworth, Jessie Pennover. Kennelman: Gerald Eriason. 15 couples 13-inch beagles. Kennels at Upper Brookville. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays.

Country hunted about 20 by 20 miles, rolling, open, mostly plow, much woodland.

ELLSON BEAGLES

New Castle.
Delaware
Established 1946

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson Huntsman The Master. Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November first through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del. and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle

KINGSLAND BEAGLES

Easton.
Maryland
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Philip R. Crowe. Honorary Secretary: Irene Crowe. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Phillippa and Rene Crowe Kennel huntsman (Professional) August Martinson. Five couple 15-inch beagles. Kennels "Third Haven", Easton Md. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is a limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only. Country is approximately ten miles by five with some patchling.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newtown Square,
Penns'Vania
Established 1928

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin du Pont Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson Whipper-in: (professional) Albert Thomas. 20 couples 13-inch and 6 couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt three days a week on cottontail rabbits by appointment.

BEAGLES

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

Box 588, Red Bank,
New Jersey.
Established 1383.

Public pack supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (Foxhounds), scarlet, Buff collar, mustard, green, maroon collar with yellow piping evening—scarlet, maroon collar scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman (professional) Albert Smith. Whippers-In: Miss Isabelle Haskell and Mrs. George S. Howell. Kennelman: Charles J. Holmewood. Foxhounds: 50 couples. Harriers: Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting October to March two days a week Wednesday and Saturday. Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt. Over 500 Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Harness cannot be rented. Hounds went out 52 times last season. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm, second Sat. week of October.

Country is approximately 20 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Red fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

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RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia
Established 1943

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in: (Professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-in: Honorary Jake Carle. Fourteen 15-inch beagles. Kennels Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1 to April 1, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

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SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1946.

Private pack with some support from voluntary contributions. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping. Master: Stewart Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary and (1st) Whipper-In: Anne W. Wing, (2nd) Whippers-in: (Honorary) Adele Leavitt. Nine couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Millbrook, New York. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits October through March.

Country is rolling farm and woodland and is hunted by permission of the Master of the Millbrook Hunt.

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SIR-SISTER BEAGLES

Natick,
Massachusetts
Established 1962.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar, evening green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Chetwood Smith and Henri F. Primaret. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: Henri F. Primaret. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Mrs. Henri F. Primaret and Mrs. Edward Dane. 10½ couples, 13 and 13-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Stewards and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

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STOCKFORD BEAGLES

Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1932

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1932) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting, October 15th to March 15th. Seven couples 13-inch beagles. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of three miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

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TANTIVY BEAGLES

Henderson,
North Carolina.
Established 1924.

Private pack, supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry. Six couples 13-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, South Carolina.

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TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hampstead,
Maryland
Established 1946.

Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping evening same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Charles Morrow. Field Masters: Mr. George Bingham, Mr. Victor Weybright. Whippers-In: Honorary: Miss Amelia Fisher, Mrs. John Baxley, Mr. Robert Shirley.

Basset hounds 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack, and fox. Season: October 1 to March 1, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md. Hounds out 46 times last season. Country grass, woodland, and cultivated, in Baltimore, Hartford, and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

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TREWERYN BEAGLES

Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.

A subscription pack, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping. Evening coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: Since 1950 David B. Sharp, Jr. Whippers-in (Honorary) A. William Battin, James E. Lamb, Jr. Richard H. Thompson and W. W. Frazier, 4th. Kennel Huntsman: (professional) Lawrence Brautigem.

Twenty couples 13-inch beagles. Foundation stock from the English Thorpe Satchville, Mr. Reynal's and Trestlebrook Beagles.

Game hunted, Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sundays, August 20th to April 1st. Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

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VERNON-SOMERSET BEAGLES

Peapack,
New Jersey.
Established 1912

Private pack with no dues or capping fees. Hunt livery and colors: Green, white collar and a scarlet piping. Master: Richard V. N. Gambrill. Huntsman: (professional) Wilfred Atkinson and Whippers-In: Miss Moira Atkinson, Mrs. Rebecca Trimpi (Honorary) and Miss Peggy Wemple. It is necessary for the Hunt Staff to be mounted in order to properly control the pack, as the country is alive with deer and foxes. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Ben Johnson, James Casey and Louis Starr who whip on foot.

25 couples of 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Peapack, N. J. Rounds hunt, every Sunday from the middle of October to the middle of March, weather permitting, with an occasional bye day in the middle of the week. Everyone is cordially invited. The country hunted is roughly a square 15 miles on each side. Best hotel accommodations are at the Gladstone Inn, Gladstone, N. J.

It is a rolling agricultural country about half woodland, and half pasture and plow. At present the hares are very scarce. The pack hunts entirely on hares.

The Vernon-Somerset are a combination of the Somerset Beagles founded in 1888 by Mr. George B. Post, of Bernardsville, N. J., and the Vernon Place Beagles founded by Mr. Richard V. N. Gambrill of Peapack, N. J. in 1912. The two packs were combined in 1922 when Mr. Post retired and gave his pack to Mr. Gambrill.

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WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES

Westwood
Massachusetts
Established 1886.

Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar, yellow. Master: (from 1886 to 1940) James W. Appleton; Masters: (from 1946) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child. Honorary Secretary Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Huntsman Josiah H. Child. Kennel Huntsman: (Professional) Leslie J. Brown. Whipper-In: (Honorary) Miss Millicent B. Wittall. 12 couples of 13-inch beagles. Kennels: Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, Mass. Hounds are hunted regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Fixture cards sent out for meets in March and April.

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THE WHITFORD BEAGLES

Gates Mills,
Ohio
Established 1930.

Subscription pack owned by Horatio Ford. Subscriptions, contributions and cap fees. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue, evening same. Joint-Masters and Huntsmen: Horatio Ford and Andrew Ford. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Gerard B. Townsend. Field Master: Mr. Gerard B. Townsend. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Lawrence S. Barrus, John L. Damper, Dr. Robert S. Stockton, Don Medica, Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples, 14 inches and under, hunting the registered country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Cottontails from October to January, hare up to Easter. Sunday fixtures and mid-week bye-hunts. Address: Horatio Ford, Williamson Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

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WOLVER BEAGLES

Middleburg,
Virginia
Established 1913

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

8 couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1 to March 31, at Master's convenience. Strangers or visitors welcome. A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

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Sandanona Beagles Enjoy Outing On Long Island

On December 9 the Sandanona Beagles from Millwood, N. Y. went to the Long Island country on the invitation of John C. Baker, Jr., Master of the Buckram Beagles.

The meet was held at 2:30 p. m. Atherton's gate in Brookville with 40 in the Field. After a draw of about 20 minutes, Master and Huntsman Morgan Wing, Jr., assisted by Whippers-in Anne Wing and Adele Leavit, cast hounds into a plowed field where a hare was viewed sneaking away by Rockram's Field Master Woody Glenn. Hounds were soon screaming on the line across the plow to a nearby wooded covert. The hare circled in the woods and led the pack back to the plow where she was viewed at a distance by the pack which ran her on sight for close to one-half mile, with hounds steadily gaining in the muddy footing, Sandanona's Trumpeter hauled her down for a kill.

After this fast burst of about 10 minutes, hounds were cast over a macadam road to an adjoining field where John Baker jumped a hare from her form. The pack was quietly cast toward the view and with the hare well on her way, hounds hunted her for 40 minutes to a loss.

Following the hunt the visitors and some members of the local Field joined the Bakers as host and hostess at their home for a tea to end a most delightful day with John Baker and Morgan Wing doing a lot of hound trading. The smiles on their faces indicated that both sides were pleased.

Annual Beagle Trials

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couple packs to struggle bravely up and down the Aldie hills, each huntsman praying for a decent rabbit, preferably one suffering from body odor, and the breaks that make or mar a run. There is only one chance after all the hard work of the previous months and a good many high hopes are very quickly shattered. The results were: Waldingfield 1st, Sandanona 2nd, Waldingfield 3rd and Sir-Sister reserve.

As the packs were run off so expeditiously the committee decided to hold the bench show immediately after lunch and then run the eight-couples. Ike Carrel was the judge and awarded the blue to Buckram's Modesty and 2nd to Lister's Flute for 13-inch hounds. In the 15-inch, 1st went to Buckram's Barrister second to Waldingfield's Prophet. There were only four of the glamorous eight-couple packs in which three whips are allowed. The entire staff turns out in full livery and the music is wonderful. I still remember a pack of Mrs. duPont's running near the kennels in the rain about three years ago. It was as exciting as a full dress fox hunt and the cry such one wanted to scream and run, too. Treweryn won this year with a very nice hunt, putting the rabbit in a hollow log directly behind the Treweryn cabin into which at midnight Patches, the Iselins' old pony, was led by unknown characters and tied to the Master Dave Sharp's bunk. Aldie has some very fine old traditions. Waldingfield was 2nd, Buckram 3rd, and Lister reserve.

The Buckram and Sandanona entertained on Saturday evening with some very fine Martinis mixed by Jack Eyre. After dinner the annual meeting was held in the Institute and one had a chance to see everyone gathered and sort out who was there and vice versa. Bennett Perry managed to come for 24 hours with his usual stories and ancient corn. My niece, Barry Whittall, with a new green coat, was there, also the usual bevy of beauties from Treweryn. George Pettus seems to have married the girl what he brung last year, but was detained by business as were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snowdon, who have made the trip to Aldie from Canada an annual visit.

It may be a little late to mention them, but the trails did have two judges, Dean Bedford again and Wilf Atkinson who for so many years as huntsman did so well with the Vernon Somerset on these same hills and this year won almost everything for R. V. N. Gambrill at Gladstone, N. J. The efficient secretary, Morgan Wing, Jr. was appointed to send off a telegram to Mr. Gambrill congratulating him on 40 years of successful beagling. Another telegram was sent to N. W. Pepple's widow: "Pep" died suddenly just before the trials and will be greatly missed. New members were duly proposed and seconded. There was a general discussion of the rabbits and further clearing of the grounds for which donations will be willingly accepted. More publicity is wanted and pictures in prominent places. A letter of thanks was sent to Betty Iselin for all her work and so to bed to let the "merry beaglers" carry on to the gray light of yet another beautiful day.

The best hunting we had was on Sunday at the Russell Farm in the 13-inch three-hour stake with eleven entries. The Sir-Sister ladies had been sent over to the Russell Farm by Capt. Iselin to scout for rabbits. We went twice and walked about five miles and over about 15 acres to report exactly one rabbit. It was definitely embarrassing then when the 13 hounds and Huntsman Morgan Wing, Jr. found 11 rabbits in as many minutes! This country is very open and very beautiful with splendid views toward the Blue Ridge. Many rabbits were run until in the last hunt, with all but six hounds eliminated, a rabbit got up and really ran so fast, straight and hard that Morgan decided it was a fox and tried to blow them off to no avail until Brer Rabbit met a sudden end in a briar patch between Ebro's jaws. First was Sis-Sister Ebro, 2nd Buckram Barmaid, 3rd Sir-Sister Benefit, reserve Waldingfield problem.

The 15-inch three-hour stake with eleven entries and Morgan again huntsman was then started, unfortunately not in the same place but back of the Institute and on to the Clifford Farm. All rabbits had disappeared so that after three hours of long, gruelling work, with sore feet and backs, it was decided to lunch and as the judges had been unable to come to any decision, having seen no hounds hunt enough to score them decided: (a) to give it up or (b) start another three hours some place else. Beaglers and beagles are made of very durable stock and down they went again for close to two hours to have the winner Wolver Melton, 2nd Sandanona Melody, 3rd Buckram Merrymaker, and 4th Sandanona Myrmidon.

At lunch Mrs. Tuckerman of Waldingfield was handed the biggest punch bowl in America, the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy, for winning the most points among the packs. Now all the awards had been won in the incredibly fast, hectic four days. The packs must fold their tents and be gone for the single men were already clamoring to begin. One last supper with the Iselins, one last look at the beloved place and home again until next year.

JUDGE WILFRED ATKINSON, huntsman for R. V. N. Gambrill's Vernon-Somerset for 27 years. The Vernon-Somerset was outstanding at Gladstone, N. J. the early part of the year and was missed at the National.

TIME OUT BEFORE ANOTHER CAST. One and all rested before beagles were cast during the 15" three-hour stake.

SANDANONA FOUR COUPLE. Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and huntsman with Whipper-ins (l. to r.) Anne Wing and Adele Leavit.

HUNTING

62nd Annual Field Trials

Singles Run During Last Days of Trials; 15 Inch Beagles Hunt Well In Stake

June W. Badger

The 62nd annual Field Trials, held at the Institute Farm, Aldie, Virginia, opened this year with the pack stakes instead of the singles as of previous seasons. The packs were run from November 8 to the 12th; the singles from the 12th through Saturday the 17th.

The chickadees flit in and out of the underbrush calling their low monotonous song. A small brown rabbit squats under the tangled dark red and green honeysuckle. "Get 'em up, boys; get 'em up. Find a bunny. Somebody holler." Field Marshall Irving Voltz pushes his horse through the briars encouraging the gallery of the single stakes to find a rabbit.

A beater pokes his stick under a bush and a small brown shadow flashes silently down a grassy road in airy leaps.

"Tally ho", someone calls. Two men come running, carrying their hounds. "He went down this way to the right of that rock." The small hounds are put down; their leashes unsnapped. Their heads down, they sniff the ground, quivering, sterns waving eagerly. One high cry; a beagle's salute to the line and the other mingles with the first. The woods ring with their music.

The stakes for the small dogs—13 inch—were run Monday and Tuesday, for the small bitches, Wednesday and Thursday. Due to the few entries in the bitch class, that stake was finished on Wednesday, leaving Thursday a blank day. Wednesday night there was a bit of gaiety during which several bottles of "Old Crow" were dispatched. And out of that evening, the "Old Crow Pack Stakes" came into history.

Thursday was not a blank day. The 13 inch Old Crow Stakes was run in the morning and the 15 inch after lunch on the Russell place several miles from the Institute. None of these hounds, with possibly one or two exceptions, had ever hunted in a pack. The morning hunt was a great success; but that in the afternoon was brilliant—all hounds running could be covered by the proverbial blanket. The ribbons went to two field champions and two field stake winners. It was a grand bit of hunting in and around the cattle.

The 15 inch dogs were run off on Friday, ten braces before lunch. Lunch is always a pleasant interim in a long day out doors; the food excellent at the Institute and the rolls to be remembered. The weather, warm with a light rain in the morning, turned colder during the afternoon. Game was not too hard to find. strong native rabbits which knew their way about. Foreign rabbits had been put down, but a great many had died in transport. There was a long hunt for game for the twelfth brace, but a cherry "tally ho" came immediately for the 13th.

The judges, Mark R. Roberts of Walnutport, Pa. and Roy Bundick, Philadelphia, called out two braces for the second series, Virginia Boy with Meyersdale Smokey and Emory's Educator with Gallant Jake, the last brace losing in the briars on deZeregas's farm across the road.

Saturday was a cold gray day with a high wind. There were only five braces of 15 inch bitches. There was a long hunt for game for the second brace. "Get 'em up, boys. Find a bunny", the gallery pushing through the briars and whacking the dead cedars, but the hunt was long and good and hounds were picked up running.

The third brace ran with good cry but lost, casting through the gallery. Game was found almost immediately for the fourth and fifth brace. The last rabbit was a twisty fellow and ran in small circles, hounds putting up a brilliant performance.

The judges called for two braces for the second series, Al-o-Bessie with Ben Kay Dark and Bobalong Betsy with Opequon Trailer's Tippy.

The sun had come out and rabbits were about. Both braces were run off in short order and the third series was called, Ben Kay Dark and Bobalong Betsy. The first rabbit holed up and the second was viewed almost on the spot, the judges making their decision in a short time of hunting.

Field Trial secretary, W. A. Bushy, distributed the ribbons and the prize money; the beaglers packed up their small dogs to go home, down the long lane from which is a glimpse of one of the green patches of rye, which Captain C. O. Iselin has planted for the rabbits, to the entrance of Institute Farm, past the new sign post, which Field Marshall Irving Voltz made and put up with its painted beagle flanked by two small rabbits; past the field trial board; out into the world again and home.

SUMMARIES

Thirteen inch all age Dogs 33 entries—1, Wolver Glider, Captain C O Iselin, Jr.; 2 Phil's Little Dutchman, Philip Spaito, Handler, Bob Bass; 3 Butler Hill Sportsman, L H Walkup; 4 Gunner's Mate Jo Jo R Todhunter, Res Millar's Captain Oscar Millar

Thirteen inch All-age Bitches, 26 entries—1 Spring Hill Charm, Bobalong Kennels; 2 Shady Shores Skylark, I C Carrell; 3 Sis-Sister Beetle, Chetwood Smith; 4 Bob's Chance, W J O'Mahony; Res. Little Kitty Fly V T Crack

Fifteen inch All-age Dogs, 29 entries — 1 Fegge's Virginia Boy, Charlie Kirk and Irving Foltz; 2 Meyersdale Smokey, Paul L Dressel; 3 Gallant Jake, J J Rooney; 4 Emory's Educator, H H Rabbitt, Res Highland Jim, Dr Adams

Fifteen inch All-age Bitches 31 entries—1 Al-o-Bessie, A H Vyeman; 2 Ben Kay Dark, D W Moomaw; 3 Bobalong Betsy, V T Crack; 4 Opequon Trailer's Tippy, C Stocker; Res. Beacon Hill Muse, L H Walkup

Old Crow Pack Stakes, 13 inch hounds, 12 entries — 1 Sis-Sister Daylight Chetwood Smith; 2 Bobalong Bill; 3 Little Kitty Fly, V T Crack, Res Ernie's Jackie.

Old Crow Pack Stakes, 15 inch hounds, 10

WALDINGFIELD WINNING VERNON SOMERSET CUP
At the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, Joe Child, Waldingfield master, puts his five couple pack of lemon and white 13 inchers through their paces; aided by Leslie Brown, whip (rear).

Sanganona 4 couple placed 2 in their stake. M Wing Jr. Master Whips L. to R. Ann Wing & Adele Leavitt

ROSTER OF BEAGLE PACKS 1951

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

There are fifteen packs of beagles registered with the National Beagle Club, one pack of bassets, and one pack of harriers. During the past year two beagle packs were dropped due to inactivity from our list of active packs, a fact which we greatly regret.

As stated last year, the objective of the National Beagle Club is to improve in the field and on the bench the beagle in America and to encourage beagling, including holding field trials and registering packs of beagles. In an effort to further the sport of beagling through the establishment of new packs, the executive committee through the pages of The Chronicle announced a plan to help new beagle packs get started. Briefly, the registered packs have joined together to sell at a reasonable price, well bred, pack broken, hunting beagles to anyone interested in starting a new pack. Their pack trained beagles would not be available to the purchaser of single beagles from the ordinary beagle kennel.

Beagling, or hunting the hare on foot, following a pack of hounds, is one of the oldest forms of hunting, being well established long before the first fox hunting pack in England was ever thought of. It is one of the best schools of fox hunting and a great many of America's foremost Masters of fox hounds started hunting when they were children with a pack of beagles.

Any thoughtful Master of foxhounds would welcome the establishment of a pack of beagles in his country as he knows it will instill a love of hunting, sportsmanship and country life in the younger members of the community. In this connection we understand that there is some thought being given to establishing a pack of beagles in the fox hound country of the Rolling Rock Hunt, Ligonier, Pa. We hope that this pack will become a reality and we all stand ready to help with hounds.

No large draft of beagles is available from any pack, however, each is willing to sell a few. The secretary of the National Beagle Club, Morgan Wing, Jr., Millbrook, N. Y., will welcome any letters of inquiry on the subject and will be pleased to be of assistance in the mechanics of starting a pack of beagles.

May our sport continue to grow and flourish during the coming year.

BETHEL LAKE BEAGLES

Sewell,
New Jersey.
Established 1933.

Private Pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, orange collar, blue piping. Master and Huntsman: Thomas L. Grier; Whippers-in: (Honorary) Carl A. Robinson, (Professional) George Star. 13½ couples, 15 inch beagles are kenneled at Bethel Lake Farm, R. D. No. 2, Sewell, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Hounds met 55 times last season between September 1st and April 1st. Cotton-tail rabbits are hunted on the grounds of the Delsea Beagle Club. Jack rabbits and native brown hare are hunted on nearby farmland and orchards and also large dairy country some miles northeast. The Buckram Beagles were guests four times last season and the Treweryn Beagles once. Present pack stems directly from a Vernon-Somerset draft combined with Treweryn blood.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
L. I., N. Y.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members, others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening: green, gray silk facings. Master: (1938) John C. Baker, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Thomas J. Hallowell, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Assistant Huntsman: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) John L. Eyre, Henry B. Thompson III. Eleanor Ainsworth, Jessie Pennoyer. Kennelman: Gerald Eislason. 15 couples 13-inch beagles. Kennels at Upper Brookville. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays.

Country hunted about 20 by 10 miles, rolling, open, mostly plow, much woodland.

ELLSON BEAGLES

New Castle,
Delaware.
Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November first through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del. and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES

Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Philip K. Crowe. Honorary Secretary: Irene Crowe. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Phillippa and Rene Crowe. Kennel Huntsman: (Professional) August Martinson. Five couple 15-inch beagles. Kennels: "Third Haven", Easton Md. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is a limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only. Country is approximately ten miles by five with some panelling.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collor, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin du Pont. Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-in: (professional) Albert Thomas. 20 couples 13-inch and 6 couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt three days a week on cottontail rabbits by appointment.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

Box 588, Red Bank,
New Jersey.
Established 1885.

Public pack, supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (Foxhounds), scarlet, maroon collar; (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar; scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert Smith. Whippers-In: Miss Isabelle Haskell and Mrs. George S. Howell. Kennelman: Charles J. Holmewood. Foxhounds: 50 couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap $10. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm around 3rd week of October.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia.
Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. (Honorary) Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-In: (Professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-In: (Honorary) Jake Carle. 8 couples, 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1 to April 1, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1948.

Private pack with some support from voluntary contributions. Hunt livery and colors: green, yellow collar with gray piping. Master: Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary and (1st) Whipper-In: Anne W. Wing; (2nd) Whipper-In: (Honorary) Adele Leavitt. Nine couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Millbrook, New York. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits October through March.

Country is rolling farm and woodland and is hunted by permission of the Master of the Millbrook Hunt.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES

Natick.
Massachusetts.
Established 1908.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Chetwood Smith and Henri F. Prunaret. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: Henri F. Prunaret. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Mrs. Henri F. Prunaret and Mrs. Edward Dane. 10½ couples, 15 and 13-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

STOCKFORD BEAGLES

Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1932.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1932) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting: October 15th to March 15th. Seven couples 13-inch beagles. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of three miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES

Henderson,
North Carolina.
Established 1924.

Private pack, supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry. Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hampstead,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping; evening, same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Charles Morrow. Field Masters: Mr. George Bingham, Mr. Victor Weybright. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Miss Amelia Fisher, Mrs. John Bayley, Mr. Robert Shirley.

Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack, and fox. Season: October 1 to March 1, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md. Hounds out 46 times last season. Country grass, woodland, and cultivated, in Baltimore, Hartford, and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

TREWERYN BEAGLES

Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.

A subscription pack, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping. Evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: Since 1930 David B. Sharp, Jr. Whippers-In: (Honorary) A. William Battin, James E. Lamb, Jr., Richard H. Thompson and W. W. Frazier, 4th. Kennel Huntsman: (professional) Lawrence Brautigem.

Twenty couples 13-inch beagles. Foundation stock from the English Thorpe Satchville, Mr. Reynal's and Trestlebrook Beagles.

Game hunted, Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sundays, August 20th to April 1st. Country, gently rolling ferm land with small coverts.

VERNON-SOMERSET BEAGLES

Peapack,
New Jersey.
Established 1912.

Private pack with no dues or capping fees. Livery and colors: Green, white collar and a scarlet piping. Master: Richard V. N. Gambrill. Huntsman: (professional) Wilfred Atkinson and Whippers-In: Miss Moira Atkinson, Mrs. Rebecca Trimpi (Honorary) and Miss Peggy Wemple. It is necessary for the Hunt Staff to be mounted in order to properly control the pack, as the country is alive with deer and foxes. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Ben Johnson, James Casey and Louis Starr who whip on foot.

25 couples of 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Peapack, N. J. Hounds hunt every Sunday from the middle of October to the middle of March, weather permitting, with an occasional bye day in the middle of the week. Everyone is cordially invited. The country hunted is roughly a square 15 miles on each side. Best hotel accommodations are at the Gladstone Inn, Gladstone, N. J.

It is a rolling agricultural country about half woodland, and half pasture and plow. At present the hares are very scarce. The pack hunts entirely on harbs.

The Vernon-Somerset are a combination of the Somerset Beagles founded in 1888 by Mr. George B. Post, of Bernardsville, N. J., and the Vernon Place Beagles founded by Mr. Richard V. N. Gambrill of Peapack, N. J. in 1912. The two packs were combined in 1922 when Mr. Post retired and gave his pack to Mr. Gambrill.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES

Westwood.
Massachusetts.
Established 1886.

Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar, yellow. Master: (from 1886 to 1940) James W. Appleton; Masters: (from 1946) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child. Honorary Secretary: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Huntsman: Josiah H. Child. Kennel Huntsman: (Professional) Leslie J. Brown. Whipper-In: (Honorary) Miss Millicent B. Wittall. 12 couples of 13-inch beagles. Kennels: Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, Mass. Hounds are hunted regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Fixture cards sent out for meets in March and April.

THE WHITFORD BEAGLES

Gates Mills,
Ohio.
Established 1930.

Subscription pack owned by Horatio Ford. Subscriptions, contributions and cap fees. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening—same. Joint-Masters and Huntsmen: Horatio Ford and Andrew Ford. Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Gerard B. Townsend. Field Master: Mr. Gerard B. Townsend. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Lawrence S. Barrus, John L. Damper, Dr. Robert S. Stockton, Don Modica, Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples, 14 inches and under, hunting the registered country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Cottontails from October to January, hare up to Easter. Sunday fixtures and mid-week bye-hunts. Address Horatio Ford, Williamson Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

WOLVER BEAGLES

Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

8 couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1 to March 31, at Master's convenience. Strangers or visitors welcome. A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

National Beagle Club

Executive Committee Announces A Plan To Help New Beagle Packs Get Started

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary of the National Beagle Club

At the executive committee meeting of the National Beagle Club held in New York on May 1, 1951, a plan was adopted to assist those interested in starting new packs of beagles in getting the right type of hounds.

It was felt that inasmuch as there are some 80 active beagle packs in the British Isles and only 17 active in the United States, that this grand field of sport was far from crowded. To assist newcomers the various American packs have pooled their resources and are willing to sell, at a reasonable price, well-bred beagles to anyone interested in starting a new pack.

The packs joining in this plan at the outset, include: The Buckram Beagles, John C. Baker, Jr. Master, 42 Franklin Court, Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.; The Liseter Beagles, Mrs. Jean A. duPont, Master, Newtown Square, Pa.; The Sandanona Beagles, Morgan Wing, Jr., Master, Millbrook, N. Y.; The Sir-Sister Beagles, Chetwood Smith and Henry Prunaret, Joint-Masters, Natick, Mass.; The Treweryn Beagles, David B. Sharp, Jr., Master, West Chester, Pa.; The Waldingfield Beagles, Josiah H. Child and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Joint-Masters, Westwood, Mass.; The Wolver Beagles, C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Master, Middleburg, Va.

These are among the best packs in America who have been hunting their countries regularily and any hounds purchased from these organizations should be pack broken, used to hunting as a pack, and have training that would not be available to the purchaser of single beagles from different sources.

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No large draft of beagles is available from any of the above packs, however, each is willing to sell a few and a beginner in selecting a few from each of these packs, would undoubtedly have the best blood lines in America. Anyone wishing to see these hounds can visit the master of beagles nearest him and receive information and practical advice on starting a pack.

The secretary of the National Beagle Club, Morgan Wing, Jr., Millbrook, New York will welcome any letters of inquiry on the subject and will be pleased to be of assistance in the mechanics of starting a pack of beagles. Also available is a list of good books on the subject, which would be a great aid to the beginner.

WALDINGFIELD EIGHT COUPLE AFTER PLACING SECOND AT 1951 NATIONAL
Josiah Child, co-master and huntsman (center). Right, Leslie Brown, whip.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES—BEST FIVE COUPLES FIFTEEN-INCH CLASS

1951 Winner

LISETER BEAGLES
LISETER FLYER

BEST THIRTEEN-INCH BEAGLE
EITHER SEX

1951 Winner

The Buckrum casting their Eight Couple

National Beagle Club

Beaglers Meet At Knickerbocker Club For Twenty-First Annual Dinner

Philip K. Crowe

The hunting dinners of Jorrocks day used to be graced by the appearance on the table of an old and faithful hound, who would thread a devious passage between the port glasses and gravely acknowledge the cheers and toasts of his enthusiastic masters. The Knickerbocker Club of New York, however, had rules against even this noble member of the canine race, so that a fine wooden image of such a hound was substituted for the 21st annual dinner of the Masters of Beagles on January 25.

The statue, or perhaps we should refer to it more aptly as a hunting idol, was a present from Mrs. Ann Wing to her husband, Morgan, Master of the Sandanona Beagles, secretary of the National Beagle Club, and toastmaster of the dinner. Suffice to say that with this appropriate mascot beaming down the table Morgan "whipped the hounds of memory" and kept the twenty-one assembled Masters, whips and members of the Field entertaining each other till far into the night.

Before harking to his first speaker, Morgan paid tribute to the Masters who could not be with us. Oliver Iselin, Master of the Wolver Beagles of Middleburg, Virginia, and president of the National Beagle Club, was down with a cold and wired his regrets, as did R. V. N. Gambrill, Master of the Vernon Somerset and secretary of the Club. Dave Sharp, Master of the Treweryn of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, and long time officer of the National Beagle Club, could not be with us for the best possible of reasons..he was about to be the father of a prospective beagler. Bayard Tuckerman, ex-Master of the Waldingfield of Westwood, Massachusetts, was detained by pressing duties in the cocking ring. Horatio Ford, Master of the Whitford Beagles of Gates Mills wired his profound regrets from Ohio. Also missing was Bennett Perry, Master of the Tantivy Beagles of Henderson South Carolina, whose pungent stories, while seldom printable, never failed to enliven the dinner. Kimbal Clement, whose rendition of Albert and Lion, was a feature of many beagle dinners, could not attend either.

The first speaker, Charles Rogers, Master of the Timber Ridge Bassets of Hampstead, Maryland, spoke of the sport he was having with foxes. Like all masters whose proverbial quarry is either cotton tail rabbits, or expensive imported Kansas Jacks, he was delighted with the increase in the big red fellows. While Rogers is the Master of the only basset pack now recognized by the National Beagle Club, the dinner was attended by James Jones and Haliburton Fales, Joint-Masters of the Tewkesbury bassets of Peapack, New Jersey, whose recognition by the Club is now being favorably considered. There is also a rumor that Mrs. Ellsworth Ford, Master of the well known Bijou Bassets, of Easton, Maryland, may breed up her pack to hunting strength again and resume her place on the club's roster.

One of the most interesting talks of the evening was given by Allen Snowdon, Master of the Don Valley Beagles of Toronto, Canada. I quote:

"The other day I was poring over Bryden's book on Hare Hunting and Harriers, published fifty years ago, and was struck with the fact that unusual happenings in the Field nowadays had been occurring all down the years and that it might be of interest to you all to recount some of these adventures. For instance, in Bryden's book he describes a run with the Foxbush Harriers as follows:

"'We found a hare, and had a capital run with her and lost. Almost immediately we got on to a fresh hare and enjoyed a real good run with her also. Presently she began to tire, and hounds closed up rapidly and were running hard for blood. We had by this time returned to the place where we first found her. Just at this moment some of the hounds picked up the first hare, which was by this time so stiff that she was scarcely able to move. We had at this moment then the strange gratification of running into both our hunted hares simultaneously. They were actually killed within a few yards of one another.'"

As a contrast, listen to this account from the Caldbeck Fell Beagles in November, 1951, published in Horse and Hound:

"Meeting on November 3, at Baggrow Yeat, hounds caught a hill hare after a good hunt of over an hour, but the rest of the day was spoilt by too many hares. Hounds had at least half a dozen in front of them on Aughertree Fell in the afternoon.

"On the 7th, from Uldale, hounds hunted very well, and after running twice around Latrigg took their hare up to Ruthwaite almost to the old stone-building wherein, once on a day, John Peel kennelled his hounds. They ran the lane and then back to Marshall's Cottage, where the hare came into view and hounds overhauled her, after a good hunt of over two hours.

"Then a curious thing occurred, for, while hounds were just finishing eating their hare another one, which had been hard run earlier in the day, got up right among them, and they coursed her across the field and killed her by the Uldale road. When we arrived all was gone but a little fur, and, believe it or not, a hare jumped up again right among them: but this was a fresh hare, who eventually took hounds away to Binsey Fell, and they were only gathered at dark.

—Dalesman"

No beagle dinner is complete without poetry (of one sort or another) and it was a pleasure to hear one from Woody Glenn, Field Master of the Buckram, that could actually be reprinted.

I

A lovely young lady named Eagles
To reduce, subscribed to the Beagles
But she stood on the line
And hounds hunted her fine
Till she cried "Take 'em off, it a'int Beagles"

II

A bachelor Whip named Jack Eyre
Had a number of things on the Fire
What with Bitches in season
And Dames without reason
Eyre's feaver is Hyer and Hyer

III

Our third Whip, a long-legged Lass
Had a voice that was deepest of Bass
When young hounds ran Riot
She'd SHATTER the quiet
And set the field right on its....

IV

The Crowes are a wonderful gang
Their pack hunts with nose or with fang
They have trophies galore
From ceiling to floor
Pads, Masks, and Phil's lordly SLADANG

V

Treweryn is blessed with a hill
That field and staff climb with a will
Till over hounds roll
On a little old hole
And Sharp blows for a technical Kill

VI

A comely young lady named Bunting
Took her feminine Charms out a-hunting
She so charmed the Staff
That at checks they would laugh
Twas the end of Miss Bunting and Hunting

VII

My livery was made for a runt
And now stretches tight on the Front
So take the old rag
Lay a three-mile drag
And all have a hell of a hunt

VIII

By the Hudson's North East Econonium
Is a pack sometimes called Sandenonium
Up pops a hare
Morgan is there
Tally Ho—Gone Away—Pandemonium

Joe Childs, Master of the Waddingfield Beagles, read an extremely clever paper on the effect of beagling on the institution of marriage. Space forbids its inclusion but I am sure Joe will furnish a copy for those who 1.) are married and contemplate starting a beagle pack and, those 2) who have a pack and contemplate marriage. Joe also mentioned the Bay State Beagle Club Trials and said he hoped to be able to get the date changed so that more Masters could bring their hounds.

The following is the list of those present and the packs they represented:

Buckram Beagles
John C. Baker, Jr. Master
J. W. Glenn, Jr.
Renwick Hurry
Frederick Willets
John L. Eyre
J. Christy Bell
Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr.
Owen Frisbie

Kingsland Beagles
Philip K. Crowe, Master

Treweryn Beagles
A. William Batten
Richard H. Thompson
John B. Todd
Thomas B. Fulweiler
Lester T. Hundt, Jr.

Timber Ridge Bassets
Charles R. Ragers, Master
Victor Weybright
Thomas E. Stephens

Sandonona Beagles
Morgan Wing, Jr., Master
David S. Vogels

Waldingfield Beagles
Josiah H. Child, Master
Frank R. Appleton

Tewkesbury Bassets
James Jones, Joint Master
Haliburton Fales, Joint Master

Don Valley Beagles (Inactive)
Allan Snowdon, Master

Whitcoaks Harriers (Inactive)
Thompson Barker, Master

Fairfield Beagles (Inactive)
David Challinor, Master

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TREWERYN BEAGLES—BEST FIVE COUPLES NOT OVER THIRTEEN INCHES

Gladstone Beagle Club Field Trials

John C. Baker, Jr. Trophy Presented To Huntsman of Pack Winning Most Points

Beagler

Election Day and "We Like Ike" brought great excitement as the beagle packs from North and South again competed at the Gladstone (N. J.) Beagle Club Field Trials on November 4-5 in the pursuit of Brer Rabbit under Judge Dean Bedford of Maryland assisted by Edward Hendershot of Far Hills.

The 13" 2 couple class brought forth a rather light entry of 6 packs and practically no scent on bone dry ground. Liseter No. 1 pack placed 1st with 4 very close working little bitches and had a good hunt. Treweryn placed 2nd with a nice hunt ending up with quite a fast drive to a hole but were not quite as close at their first checks as the Liseter. Waldingfield took 3rd and Liseter No. 2 pack placed 4th.

The 15" 2 couple class drew a good entry of 9 packs with scenting conditions still very poor and was handily won by the Vernon-Somerset pack No. 1, ably hunted by Huntsman Wilf Atkinson. Buckram pack from Long Island, nicely handled by their new Joint-Master Joe Conolly, placed 2nd. Waldingfield, from Boston with Joint-Master Jo Child at the helm, copped the 3rd position and also the 4th with his No. 3 pack.

The 4 couple class drew another good entry of 9 packs and was taken by the Waldingfield No. 2 pack with a nice close hunt up and down a stream bed filled with dry leaves, marking their rabbit to ground. Treweryn No. 1 pack from Berwyn, Pa. hunted by their Master, David "Bun" Sharp, took 2nd with another nice close hunt. Waldingfield No. 1 pack placed 3rd. Morgan Wing Jr.'s Sandanona from Millbrook, N. Y. placed 4th.

The 8 couple class, always the most exciting of the trials, drew a good entry of 5 packs with the Sandanona making their first appearance in this class. This is the most difficult class of the trials as it takes long and hard training and selection to get 16 hounds together which will closely follow a twisting, turning cottontail through dense cover without occasionally leaving a skirter to take a short cut around a briar patch. Great credit goes to the Vernon-Somerset, owned by Richard V. N. Gambill of Peapack, N. J., in winning this class on a very twisting rabbit with all 8 couples closely packed and working closely at the checks. This is especially remarkable as this pack hunts hare almost exclusively and having practically no work on cottontail before the trials, were conditioned by road work with the staff on bicycles. Treweryn took 2nd after a fair hunt on a twisting rabbit which led to a deer, hounds were lifted to another covert and had a good hard straight drive through the woods. Third went to the Waldingfield and 4th to the Sandanona

And so ended another good Gladstone Trial all done in a day and a half because most of us had to get out and vote before going to the trials. A new trophy—a silver horn in memory of the late Master of the Buckram, John C. Baker, Jr., was presented by the members of the Buckram Beagles to the huntsman of the pack winning the most points at the trial. This went to Josiah Child, Joint-Master, and huntsman of the Waldingfield with a total score of 30 points. Treweryn was 2nd with 24 points and Vernon-Somerset 3rd with 20 points.

John Cowperthwaite again played genial host to everyone at dinner on election night and managed the field trial most efficiently.

ly noisy chorus which precedes the end. Most of the mounted hunters came on almost in time. They know their hunting.

It was quite a day. Hounds were very good indeed. Maybe they lack the stamina of the American hound. They are very tall, not cat-footed at all. Maybe they have it "made for them"; maybe they don't stay together under the proverbial blanket when running; maybe they don't have the individuality of our own but they do their job willingly. Their voices are mellow, mostly high pitched and urgent, (but then they are hunting the deer). Their ears are set very low on their heads. Their noses are long. They are a bit narrow in the chest, not a bit chunky looking. They seem like a possible cross between a Penn-Marydel and an English hound, without striking colors. And of course, they have those fine eyes which endear hounds to those of us who love them.

It was quite a day. The horsemen went about their business without fanfare. They ride superbly. Their horses are for the most part, well set up Thoroughbred, with a possible hint of "quarter" here and there. They are built to stay. Their riders give them every chance. There is an ease and feeling of sureness about the whole business which denotes habitude and reality.

It was quite a day. One left with the calls of the horns ringing in one's ears. And the calls are very fine. The Frenchmen make their hunting music an art. Members of the Field join in with great eclat, on key.

It was quite a day. Great to see the populace out, enthusiastic and knowing. The butcher and the priest were right there on their bikes.

There was all the usual French "Joie de vivre" and a very genuine love of the Chase.

St. Hubert was well feasted. He must have been proud.

Waldingfield Beagles Painted By Dwight Shepler of Boston

It is very appropriate that we use the painting of the Waldingfield Beagles on the cover of this week's issue. Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child are the Joint-Masters of the twelve-couple 13 inch beagles which hunt regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Among the field trial accomplishments of this pack are their two consecutive winning efforts (1951-52) to account for the Robert P. W. Harrison Trophy at the National Beagle Club Field Trials held yearly at Aldie, Va. This trophy is awarded to the pack scoring the greatest number of points. This year a new trophy—a silver horn—in memory of the late Master of the Buckram, John C. Baker, Jr., was presented by the members of the Buckram Beagles to the huntsman of the pack winning the most points at the Gladstone Beagle Club Field Trials. This was won by Mr. Child, who is huntsman as well as Joint-Master of Waldingfield.

The artist who has portrayed this winning pack is Dwight Shepler of Boston who has been well known in American exhibitions and publications for his water colors and portraits and to some extent as a muralist. His subject matter has often included skiing and cruising, but this is his first beagling picture and came as a result of hunting with the Waldingfield and the suggestion of Joint-Master Josiah Child.

Mr. Shepler, an alumnus of Williams College and the Museum of Fine Arts School, Boston is a Commander USNR, whose combat paintings done in Pacific and European theatres of operation have become important pages in the permanent annals of WorldWar II. He is represented by mural designs at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, and at Williams College.

The painting evolved over a period of several months from studies made during hunts at Westport, or closeted with the pack in the kennel.

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Sandanona receiving
John C. Baker Jr. Memorial Plate

1951

WOLVER AT 1951 NATIONAL
Captain Oliver Iselin, master; Charles Kirk, whip. The sombrero was to protect Captain Iselin who is sensitive to sun poisoning.

Judge Wilfred Atkinson

Raynam Beagles
Mrs. Carle Master & Huntsman
L.to R. Whips Charle Hughes &
son "Jake"

Time out before another cast during
the " 15" Three Hour Stake"

LISETER FOUR COUPLE AT 1951 NATIONAL
Jack Carson, huntsman, amid hounds; Mrs. Jean Austin duPont, master.

WALDINGFIELD EIGHT COUPLE AT 1951 NATIONAL
Prominent in winning at Gladstone, Bay State and National, also hound shows. From left — Leslie Brown, whip; Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, joint-master; Josiah Child, huntsman and joint-master; Barrie Whitall, whip; Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., whip.

Right
L. to R.
Jane Dane, Mildred Prunaret, Helen Hart
with the Sir Sister "Red Devils"

Masters of Beagles Annual Dinner

(Freudy Photo)

THE MASTERS' DINNER AT THE KNICKERBOCKER CLUB ON JANUARY 25. At the officials' table (left to right): Frank R. Appleton, A. William Battin, C. Allen Snowdon, Philip K. Crowe, Morgan Wing, Jr., Josiah H. Child, John C. Baker, Jr. and Charles R. Rogers. Left side (right): J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr., John L. Eyre, George Hundt, John Todd and Lester Hundt, Jr. Foreground: David S. Vogels, Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr., Owen Frisbie, Renwick Hurry and James C. Bell. Right side (right): Thomas Fullweiler, David Challinor, Thompson Barker, Thomas E. Stephens, Victor Weybright, James S. Jones, Halburton Fales and Frederick Willets. Centerpiece: Sandanona Doleful.

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB
Field Trials Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—30 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner
1st	Chet's Rod	Vernon Field
2nd	Nesco Nobility	Carl Grover
3rd	Blackwater Hornet	G. E. Hartman
4th	Tick Tock Blue	R. E. Corder
Res.	Kiser's John L.	R. C. Hyde

13-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—58 Starters

1st	Neiderer's Honeysuckle	B. L. Neiderer
2nd	Dixie of Shady Shores	L. S. Conley
3rd	George's Model Lady	Val Naftali
4th	Pleanant Run Teacher Too	Stansbury Hill
Res.	Oakmar's Bonnie Bell	C W. Messick

15-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—29 Starters

1st	Mr. P.R.W.	R. L. Wiles
2nd	Stowie's Sport	Mrs. Stowie
3rd	Highland Jim	F. B. Darcby, Jr.
4th	CA-BO Mr. Pepper	Mrs. R. A. Bowman
Res.	Emroy's Educator	Hugh Rabbitt

15-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—16 Starters

1st	Rollins Atomic Lady	F. H. Fisher
2nd	Norris' Lula Belle	W. L. Norris
3rd	Littleton's Connie	R. E. Littleton
4th	Irving Crack Queen	C. O. Iselin, Jr.
Res.	Kan-Do Windy	L. H. Walkup

JUDGES

JOSEPH EAST, Baltimore, Md. JOSEPH ORLOWSKI, Pottstown, Pa

PACK STAKES

13-Inch—TWO COUPLE PACKS—8 Entries

Packs		Owners	Address
1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
3rd	Buckram	Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
Res.	Waldingfield	Waldingford Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.

15-Inch—TWO COUPLE PACKS—12 Entries

1st	Waldingfield I	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
2nd	Waldingfield III	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
3rd	Sandanona I	Morgan, Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
Res.	Wolver I	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.

FOUR COUPLE PACKS—8 Entries

1st	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
3rd	Sir Sister	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.

EIGHT COUPLE PACKS—4 Entries

1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
3rd	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
Res.	Buckram	Buckram Beagles	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.

13-Inch—THREE HOUR STAKE—10 Entries

1st	Sir Sister Benefit	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
2nd	Sir Sister Dawning	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
3rd	Treweryn Welcome	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
Res.	Sandanona Pretzel	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR.

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1st	Wolver Mosby	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
2nd	Waldingfield Prophet	Waldingfield Beagles	So. Westport, Mass.
3rd	Sir Sister Dayspring	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Sandanona Melody	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR.

1952

Friday, December 26, 1952

Richard V. N. Gambrill

Loss of So Great A Country Gentleman Is Real Tragedy To Sporting World

With the passing of Richard V. N. Gambrill, America has lost one of the few remaining gentlemen, who were brought up in the tradition of sport for sports sake, not for personal aggrandizement, on social or financial gain. His entire life was devoted to furthering sport in the manner in which it was conducted in the golden days before the advent of the motorcar and to the last day of his life he kept up his keen interest in all his activities.

At the time of his death he was acknowledged by the Dean of Professional Whips to be the best amateur reinsman this side of the Atlantic. He had been taught to tool a four in his school days by one of the great professionals of the day and often told of trying out various teams owned by a local horse dealer in Boston during his undergraduate days at Harvard. He had many amusing anecdotes of the races the various clubs at Harvard used to have with rented teams, coming home from the Brookline Hunt Meeting. He was a Director of the National Horse Show and among those responsible for the coaching parade and classes during the years 1927 to 1932 and the revival of coaching classes at that show from 1938 to 1942. He was instrumental in organizing the Coaching Marathon at Devon in 1938, having been on one of the coaches at the Annual Richmond Marathon in England and seen the keen interest it engendered. He won every renewal of the Marathon, including the revival this year, although for the first time he was not permitted to drive on account of his health. His scarlet and black Road Coach has been a familiar sight at the Essex Fox Hounds Race Meeting for as long as anyone can remember.

Having ridden in point-to-points at Myopia during his college years, as he hunted with them at that time, he became very interested in hunt racing and ran horses at the Hunt Meetings from 1935 to 1945 winning many races, including The Glenwood National at Middleburg, The Noel Lang Memorial, Montpelier, and the Florheim 'Chase twice at Far Hills. He has been steward at many of the hunt meetings for the past decade and did everything in his power to help sport through the field. He was secretary and treasurer of the United Hunts Races, a member of the National Steeplechase and Hunts Association and on the governing board of the Turf and Field Club.

Hounds and hunting were always one of his greatest interests and he kept a pack of Beagles from 1912 to this day. His hounds have always won on the flags as well as in the Field and one cannot remember how many Vernon-Somerset Cups for the best 5 couple of Beagles to be won five times at the Hound Show at Bryn Mawr he had to replece. His pack was entirely his own breeding and his was the only Beagle pack ever to show both a dog and bitch 5 couple the same year at the Hound Show. He imported his outcrosses from England but would never bring a hound into the pack that did not have the distinct black saddle which always distinguished his pack.

Mr. Gambrill was the only American who has ever been President of the Association of Master of Harriers and Beagles in England and also the only person who had ever held office of either that Association or the Master of Fox Hounds Association while still a resident of the United States.

His knowledge of English Fox Hounds and Harriers was nearly as great as that of Beagles and he judged at many of the Hound and Puppy Shows on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Gambrill hunted regularly with Fox Hounds, Harriers and Beagles in America and England until prevented by his doctor and was on the Hunt Committee of the Essex Fox Hounds during the war years 1944-1945 while Andrew Fowler was in the service. He was a stickler for proper appointments, and knowing their reason d'etre he never permitted anything to leave his kennel or stable not properly turned out.

He was an excellent golfer and sailed the "M" Class Carolina to win many races on the New York Yacht Club Annual Cruises. He was his own overseer on Vernon Manor Farm and believing that a farm should be almost a self supporting unit he had fine herds of both Guernsey and Aberdeen Angus. Even before our County Agents began suggesting we plant multiflora rose hedgerows as pasture fencing, Mr. Gambrill imported various thorn bushes from England to find if we could use thorn hedges here as they have always been used in England for boundaries and now there are some fine cattle-turning fences on Vernon Manor.

The loss of so great a country gentleman is a real tragedy not only to the whole sporting world but to the generation coming on who unfortunately have missed the privilege of being one of his friends.

Treweryn "Two Couple"
First in the two couple class

"Cheese"

Sandanona Eight Couple

The Judges and
Allen Snowden

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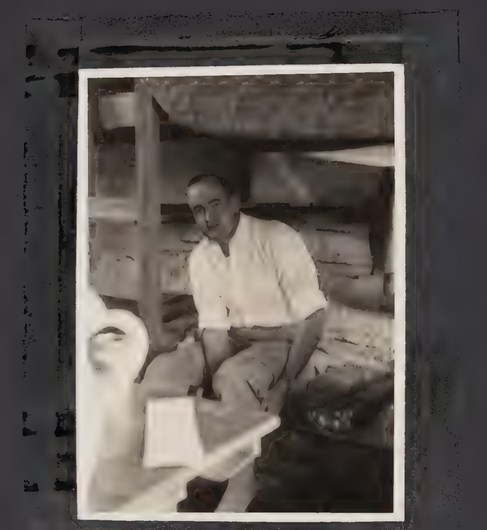

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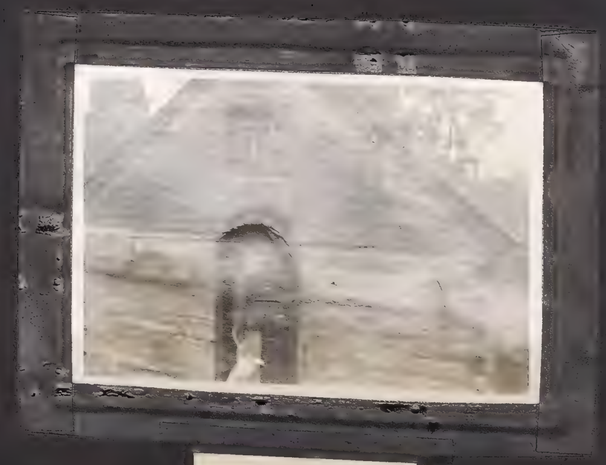

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"Strange Bedfellow"

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The Merry Beaglers at their best

The Merry Minstrals

ROSTER OF BEAGLE PACKS
1952
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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.
Secretary, National Beagle Club

Registered packs with the National Beagle Club continue as fifteen packs of beagles, one pack of bassets, and one pack of harriers.

Throughout the past year the executive committee has endeavored to further the objective of the National Beagle Club to encourage beagling and the start of new packs. The pages of The Chronicle have broadcast our message that the registered packs have joined together to help anyone interested in starting a new pack through making available at reasonable prices, pack broken hunting beagles.

It is most cheering to note that our effort has taken root in a most interesting way. Last spring, your secretary was invited to speak at a meeting of the Hoof Print Club of Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. About fifty enthusiastic young women attended this meeting which was devoted to a history of the sport in this country and England, to include a question and answer period on all aspects of beagling with a view to the possibility of the organization of a college pack.

The Hoof Print Club revolves around a stable of horses, including a nice kennel at one time occupied by foxhounds. The club is very active with over 100 members, activities including daily riding classes, horse shows, under the direction of William Russell Walther, equitation department. Your secretary pointed out that in England a number of schools and colleges have maintained beagle packs for many, many years. In this country, there have been two or three short lived school and college packs, their discontinuance attributed in each case to the failure of the one or two enthusiastic founders to build an organizaiton to carry on after their graduation.

This fall, on Sunday, November 9, Mr. Walther brought a group of twelve from the college to watch our four couple packs run at the National Beagle Club Field Trials at Aldie, Va. On Monday, a pack of four couples, mostly gifts, were presented to the young ladies from five Masters.

To the Hoof Print Club Beagles of Mary Washington College, we express our hopes for good sport. You have the opportunity to show the way to other colleges to start packs. We can think of no better way to spread the growth of our sport and hunting as a whole than through the medium of young people of our schools and colleges. We bid you the best of success.

We note with sadness, the passing of two of our Masters during the past year, Chetwood Smith, Master of the Sir-Sister Beagles, and Horatio Ford, Master of the Whitford Beagles. A forthcoming issue of The Chronicle will contain a history of these gentlemen and their packs.

Last year's Foreword closed with "May our sport continue to grow and flourish during the coming year." This sentiment continues with a concrete example of hope in the above.

BETHEL LAKE BEAGLES
Sewell,
New Jersey.
Established 1933.
Private Pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, orange collar, blue piping. Master and Huntsman: Thomas L. Grier. Whippers-in: (Professional) George Star. Eighteen couples, 15-inch beagles are kenneled at Bethel Lake Farm, R. D. No. 2. Sewell, Gloucester County, New Jersey.
Cotton-tail rabbits are hunted on the grounds of the Delsea Beagle Club. Jack rabbits and native brown hare are hunted on nearby farmland and orchards and also large dairy country some miles northeast. Present pack stems directly from a Vernon-Somerset draft combined with Treweryn blood.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES
Upper Brookville,
L. I., N. Y.
Established 1934.
Subscription pack. Owned by the members, others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening: green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and John Brinckerhoff. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-in: John L. Eyre, Mrs. Joseph B. Conolly, Miss Anne Conolly. (Professional): George Star. Fifteen couples 13-15-inch beagles. Kennels at Upper Brookville. Hunt bare and cottontails October to end of March, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturday.
Country hunted about 20 by 10 miles, rolling, open, mostly plow, much woodland.

ELLSON BEAGLES
New Castle,
Delaware.
Established 1946.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November first through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.
Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del., and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES
Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1933.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Philip K. Crowe. Honorary Secretary: Irene Crowe. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Phillippa and Rene Crowe. Kennel huntsman: (Professional) August Martinson. Five couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels: "Third Haven", Easton, Mr. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is a limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only. Country is approximately ten miles by five with some paneling.

BEAGLES

LISETER BEAGLES
Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin du Pont. Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-in: (professional) Albert Thomas. Twenty couples 13-inch and 6 couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt three days a week on cottontail rabbits by appointment.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT
Box 588, Red Bank,
New Jersey.
Established 1885.
Public pack, supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (Foxhounds), scarlet, maroon collar; (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar; scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert Smith. Whippers-in: Miss Isabelle Haskell and Mrs. George S. Howell. Kennelman: Charles J. Holmewood. Foxhounds: 50 couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap $10. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm around 3rd week of October.
Country is approximately 30 by 25 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES
Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia.
Established 1948.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. (Honorary) Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in: (Professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-in: (Honorary) Jake Carle. Eight couples, 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1 to April 1, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.
The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

SANDANONA BEAGLES
Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1948.
Private pack with some support from voluntary contributions. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Huntsman: Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary and Whipper-in: Adele Leavitt. Ten couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Millbrook, New York. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits October through March.
Country is rolling farm and woodland and is hunted by permission of the Master of the Millbrook Hunt.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES
Natick,
Massachusetts.
Established 1908.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Mrs. Edward H. Dane and Henri F. Prunaret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-in: Mrs. Henri F. Prunaret. (Professional): John Clifford. Twelve couples 13-15-inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

STOCKFORD BEAGLES
Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1932.
Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1932) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting: October 15th to March 15th. Seven couples 13-inch beagles. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.
Country hunted is within a radius of three miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES
Henderson,
North Carolina.
Established 1924.
Private pack, supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry. Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS
Hampstead,
Maryland.
Established 1946.
Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping; evening—same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Charles Morrow. Field Masters: Mr. George Bingham, Mr. Victor Weybright. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Miss Amelia Fisher, Mrs. John Bayley, Mr. Robert Shirley.
Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack, and fox. Season: October 1 to March 1, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md. Hounds out 46 times last season. Country grass, woodland, and cultivated, in Baltimore, Hartford, and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

TREWERYN BEAGLES
Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.
A subscription pack, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping. Evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master and Huntsman since 1930: David B. Sharp, Jr. Assistant Huntsman: A. William Battin and James G. Lamb, Jr. Honorary Secretary: A. William Battin. Whippers-in (honorary): W. West Frazier IV, George S. Hundt, John B. Todd, Richard H. Thomson. Kennel Huntsman: (professional): Charles Smith.
Twenty couples 13-inch beagles. Foundation stock from the English Thorpe Satchville, Mr. Reynal's and Trentlebrook Beagles.
Game hunted, Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sundays, August 20th to April 1st. Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

VERNON-SOMERSET BEAGLES
Peapack,
New Jersey.
Established 1912.
Private pack with no dues or capping fees. Livery and colors: Green, white collar and a scarlet piping. Master: Richard V. N. Gambrill. Huntsman: (professional) Wilfred Atkinson and Whippers-in: Miss Moira Atkinson, Mrs. Rebecca Trimpi (Honorary) and Miss Peggy Wemple. It is necessary for the Hunt Staff to be mounted in order to properly control the pack, as the country is alive with deer and foxes. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Ben Johnson, James Casey and Louis Starr who whip on foot.
Twenty-five couples of 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Peapack, N. J. Hounds hunt every Sunday from the middle of October to the middle of March, weather permitting, with an occasional bye day in the middle of the week. Everyone is cordially invited. The country hunted is roughly a square 15 miles on each side. Best hotel accommodations are at the Gladstone Inn, Gladstone, N. J.
It is a rolling agricultural country about half woodland, and half pasture and plow. At present the hares are very scarce. The pack hunts entirely on hares.
The Vernon-Somerset are a combination of the Somerset Beagles founded in 1888 by Mr. George H. Post, of Bernardsville, N. J., and the Vernon Place Beagles founded by Mr. Richard V. N. Gambrill of Peapack, N. J. in 1912. The two packs were combined in 1922 when Mr. Post retired and gave his pack to Mr. Gambrill.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES
Westwood,
Massachusetts.
Established 1886.
Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar, yellow. Master: (from 1886 to 1940) James W. Appleton; Masters: (from 1946) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child. Honorary Secretary: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Huntsman: (Professional) Leslie J. Brown. Whipper-in: (Honorary) Miss Millicent B. Whittall. Twelve couples of 13-inch beagles. Kennels: Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, Mass. Hounds are hunted regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Fixture cards sent out for meets in March and April.

THE WHITFORD BEAGLES
Gates Mills,
Ohio.
Established 1930.
Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening—same. Joint-Masters and Huntsmen: Andrew Ford and S. Tucker Fox. Field Master: Walter McKelvie. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Gerald B. Townsend. Whippers-in: (Honorary) David Grund, Charles Richardson, Alfred Vehring, George Watson and Robert Adomeit.
10 couples, 13-15 inches, hunt country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Hunt Kansas jack rabbits and cottontail rabbits, October through March. Sunday fixtures and mid-week byehunts. Address Andrew Ford, 2870 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

WOLVER BEAGLES
Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913.
Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master: Whipper-in: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.
Eight couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1 to March 31, at Master's convenience. Strangers or visitors welcome. A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

National Beagle Club Field Trials
Waldingfield Again Wins Robert P. W. Harrison Trophy As Top Pack In Points

Beagler

Dust, dust and more dust, no scent but plenty of rabbits greeted the beagle packs and their following as they journeyed from far and near to the Old Dominion to meet again President C. Oliver Iselin of Middleburg and be capably judged by John Cowperthwaite of Far Hills, N. J. and Wilfred Atkinson of Peapack, N. J. from November 7 through the 10th. The event was the 63rd National Beagle Club Field Trials.

There is something about Aldie or we should say "The Institute" that just can't be duplicated. No one seems to know if it is the row of log cabins each with its stone chimney and blue wood smoke drifting lazily upward, the blue hills and long wonderful views, the old ramshackle club house, the neat whitewashed kennels, the voices of 100 Beagles singing to the Virginia moon, the cry of a hard driving pack in the field, the songs and jokes and fun in the evening, or perhaps it is the good fellowship, good cheer, and good sportsmanship we all enjoy when followers of the Merry Little Hounds gather there each year. This year was no exception—more people than ever, a good entry of hounds and a great time.

The first class to run was the 13" 2 couple pack class with eight packs competing under bone dry scenting conditions. Treweryn won this as they did last year and with the same four hounds, Welcome, Wisdom and Workman all from one litter by Wolver Gaylad—Treweryn Mirthful, running with the lemon and white Lewisboro Barbara, she by Contentnea Jack—Treweryn Bellmaid. This pack ran one rabbit to a stone wall and given another, they worked the line very closely and were ordered up still running. Raynham from Keswick, Va. hunted extremely well for their Master Mrs. Edward Carle and were a very close 2nd. This is a hard-working, well-handled little pack and can always be counted on to put up a good performance. Buckram, hunted by their new Joint-Master, Joe Connolly, of Long Island, took 3rd and Waldingfield and Jo Child from Boston were reserve.

The 15" 2 couple class drew a fine entry of 12 packs and was won hands down by the Waldingfield with a beautiful performance under almost impossible conditions. Hounds worked out a long check on the dusty road at the Squaw Camp when their rabbit doubled back and worked up to their game and were driving hard when taken up. Nirmod, Sounder, Deacon and Susie made up this winning combination. Not satisfied with winning just 1st, our New England friends entered three packs and copped 2nd money with their No. 3 pack. Morgan Wing, Jr.'s Sandanona No. 1 pack placed 3rd and reserve went to the Wolver, C. Oliver Iselin's good pack from Middleburg, hunted by Charley Kirk due to their Master's recent illness.

The four couple class was a resounding victory for Sandanona with a fast hard driving hunt marking their rabbit to ground in front of the gallery. So high were they scored that they also took the Sir-Sister Cup for the highest scored pack in any class at the trials, and also were awarded the new John C. Baker, Jr. Challenge Trophy for the best pack of 4 couples, scored 50 percent in the field and 50 percent on the bench, proving that good looking hounds can run. Second place went to Waldingfield No. 1 pack, 3rd to the Sir-Sister of the late Chetwood Smith with Henri Prunaret and Mrs. Jane Dane, now Masters, who put up a very good performance, and reserve to the Waldingfield No. 2 pack. Eight packs ran.

The eight couple class, always the high point of the trials, both from the standpoint of spectator interest and also because of the great difficulty in getting 16 hounds together which will pack closely and drive a rabbit through briar patches and heavy cover without leaving some behind and having a skirter or two take a short cut to catch up, brought out four packs hunted in full livery, green coats and white pants. This was an outstanding victory for the Treweryn of Berwyn, Pa. Hunted by their Master, David "Bun" Sharp with A. William Battin, John Todd and Dick Thompson whipping-in, this pack had a nice hunt in the pines marking their rabbit to ground, then finding a second rabbit put up a terrific hunt up hill and down dale through all kinds of going with a marvelous cry and excellent drive. This was the second year in a row for Treweryn and counting back they found that they had won this class eight times since 1934 against four times for any other pack since the cup was offered in 1918. Waldingfield placed 2nd, Sandanona took 3rd in their first year with an 8 couple entry and Buckram was reserve.

The bench show was held after lunch on Sunday before the running of the eight couple and drew a large and enthusiastic gallery. The National Challenge Cup for the best 2 couple pack, 50 percent in the field and 50 percent on the bench, was won by the Waldingfield 15" 2 couple with 62 1-2 points; Raynham 13" 2 couple was 2nd with 57 1-2 points and Treweryn 13" 2 couple and Waldingfield No. 3 2 couple tied for 3rd with 47 1-2 points.

The best 13" beagle on the bench was Treweryn Bounder and the best 15" beagle was Sandanona Melody.

Monday dawned dark and wet, the first rain in weeks greeted the 13" three hour pack stake. Ten hounds started and after 5 were eliminated, they worked together beautifully almost as though they all came from the same pack. The result was a clear cut and well deserved win for Sir-Sister Benefit, a very deep voiced compact little 13" bitch by F. Ch—Kelley's Dickie out of a good Waldingfield bitch. This class was Sir-Sister's time to shine and shine they did as their Sir-Sister Dawning placed 2nd. Treweryn Welcome was 3rd and Sandanona Pretzel was reserve.

A quick change to some dry clothes and we were afield again with the 15" three hour pack stake. Again 10 hounds started—4 were eliminated but this pack never worked as well as the 13" hounds. Scent seemed to be worse and hounds took a long time to settle. The result was a Wolver victory with their Wolver Mosby, less than 1 year old and only hunting for the last two months, placing 1st. Waldingfield Prophet was 2nd, Sir-Sister Dayspring placed 3rd and reserve went to Sandanona Melody.

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National Field Trials
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After the running of the 3 hour stakes the winning points were again added up with the result that the Waldingfield was again, as last year, the top pack in points, winning the Robert P. W. Harrison Trophy with a total score of 38 points. Treweryn was 2nd with 22 points and Sandanona was 3rd with 20 points.

Among those attending the trials were several newcomers—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Conolly from Long Island. He the Joint-Master of the Buckram with F. Wooderson Glenn. Mrs. Connolly was the former Barbara Hewlitt, secretary of the Meadow Brook Fox Hounds—a most attractive addition to the beaglers and one who brought considerable new talent in making up new songs about various beaglers. Also in the talent department came Mrs. Jack Eyre from Buckram whose old American folk songs and guitar playing entertained us all. Mrs. Eyre, the former Cornelia Leboutillier of New York, was ably accompanied by Howard Fair, a Treweryn follower from Unionville, Pa., and his violin. The Andy Fords from Cleveland made their initial appearance and promised to bring an entry from their Whitford Beaglers next year.

Alan and Mrs. Snowdon, once more made the trip down from Toronto. Mrs. Austin duPont, Master of the Liseter of Newown Square, Pa., was present but without hounds this year owing to a shortage of help.

Boston was well represented as always with entries from the Waldingfield and Sir-Sister, accompanied by the Bayard Tuckermans, Josiah Childs, Henri Prunarets and Mrs. Jane Dane, who writes so well of beagles and beaglers.

Treweryn brought their usual keen group including Ellenor Morris, Mrs. Howard Fair, Justice Williams, the Drayton twins and Betsy Bolling.

Over from Foxcroft for the day from a visit with their daughters, came the Cummins Catherwoods, John Carters from Philadelphia and Victoria Cowperthwaite from Far Hills, N. J. to visit her father John, who was judging.

One new pack made their initial entry in the 2 couple class, the Little Elk, of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson of Northeast, Maryland and it is hoped that several new packs will enter the trials next year.

A new Virginia pack was started on the spot when all the larger packs gave one or two hounds to Russell Walther instructor of equitation of the Martha Washington College of Fredericksburg, who came with twenty attractive girls from the College.

Timber Ridge Bassets Show Fine Sport At Chartley Farm

Philip K. Crowe

The age-old ceremony of blessing hounds was re-enacted at Chartley, the estate of Joheph W. Shirley in the Worthington Valley of Maryland, on Saturday, November 29, when the Timber Ridge Bassets were honored by no less than two gentlemen of the Cloth and a Crucifer. The bassets, living well up to their ancient French lineage, behaved as sedately as the most punctilious church warden could desire. Long ears dropped with humbleness and sad eyes fixed adoringly on Charles Rogers, the Master, the pack presented a picture of rapt attention that would have done credit to St. Hubert.

Victor Weybright, honorary secretary of the hunt and one of its founding fathers, aided the Reverend Nelson Rightmyer and the Reverend Austin Schildwachter in the services. Particularly effective was his reading of Shakespeare's tribute to hounds:

"My hounds are bred out of
Spartan kind,
So flew'd, so sanded; and their
heads are hung
With ears that sweep away the
morning dew:
Crook-kneed and dew-lap'd like
Thessalian bulls;
Slow in pursuit, but match'd in
mouth like bells,
Each under each. A cry more
tuneable
Was never hallo'd to, nor cheered
with horn."

It was a perfect day for hunting, with blue skies, clear crisp air, and just enough tang of frost to keep one moving. A Field of more than 80 showed up for the blessing, and made a half-moon circle around the padres and the hunt staff. The whips on the distaff side were Charles Rogers' wife, Mena and Miss Sue Bailey. Ellwood Boblitz also whipped and Joe Shirley acted as Field Master.

Moving off from the meet, hounds first drew Spook Meadow, an old negro burying ground, and soon put up a cottontail which gave us a fast 15 minutes before he vanished under a tomb stone. Progressing down hill from the cemetary, the Master next hunted the main pasture where a band of Mr. Shirley's famous Clydesdales eyed the strange proceedings with dignity. Near Bond Avenue another cottontail was located by Timber Ridge Fancy '51 (Cindey Lou by Uplan Bosco), whose elegant cry drew all 12 couple charging after her. This bunny was made of sterner stuff and hounds hunted her for nearly 40 minutes before she went to ground at Shirley Roost Ridge.

As the afternoon progressed, scent deteriorated and by 3 o'clock, all of us were happy to call it a day and head for Chartley, where Mrs. Shirley gave us a sumptuous breakfast.

The Timber Ridge was founded in 1946 and is today the only registered pack of bassets hunting in America. Breeding stock for the pack was purchased from Gerald Livingston of Long Island and Alfred Bissell of Wilmington, both of whom had well known packs of bassets before the last war.

Bassets are not the only sporting interest of Charlie and Mena Rogers. After dinner that evening, two red tail hawks, Beauty and Patience, were brought in and gave us a fine exhibition of indoor flying. At one point your correspondent, being mistaken by Patience for her dinner, had his forehead well scratched, a sort of medieval blooding that all hawk fanciers have to put up with. These majestic birds, which are in reality native chicken hawks, have been trained by Mena Rogers and are flown at rabbits and rats.

In addition to the basset pack, Charlie also keeps 3 couple July hounds which gave us a midnight fox hunt when we turned them loose. The evening was too short to do anything serious with his fighting cocks, but we did manage an amble on his two Sicilian donkeys and some fancy tooting on his French stag hunting horn.

As Victor Weybright so succinctly put it, the Rogers keep a veritable "ecological menagerie" which in easier terms means a kind of balanced aquarium where every form of life live speacefully and happily with its neighbors. This was literally true. Tara, the huge Irish wolfhound, played contentedly with Sin, the black Persian cat. The fox hounds and bassets never took liberties with the fighting cocks, peacocks and other assorted jungle folw; while out in the pasture the Thoroughbred hunters were equally considerate of the plebian donkeys. The Rogerses, in fact, seem to have worked out a design for living that puts the United Nations to shame.

Horatio Ford Dies While Hunting With Sandanona Beagles

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Horatio Ford, Master of the Whitford Beagles, Cleveland, Ohio, died while hunting with the Sandanona Beagles at Millbrook, N. Y. on November 28.

Horatio Ford and his son, Winson, honored us with a visit over Thanksgiving. Mrs. Ford had died during the summer after a severe illness. Horatio wished to leave Cleveland and the memories of family gatherings to participate in a few days of outdoor life in Millbrook. Devoted close companions, Mrs. Ford's death had been a deep blow.

After a late Thanksgiving lunch, we adjourned to the Sandanona Pheasantry where in the closing hours of daylight, Horatio made a fine kill on a cock ringneck flushed from a point by my Buttany spaniel. He seemed very happy with his hours in the field.

Friday morning we departed for Litchfield, Conn. to hunt my pack of beagles at Butternut Brook Farm, owned by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seherr-Thoss. We enjoyed lunch with Frederick E. Haight II and met at the Seherr-Thoss farm at 2:30 p. m. where we were joined by Mr. Ford's youngest son, Baldwin, who lives at close by Washington, Conn.

Litchfield is the home of the Litchfield County Hounds, a fine pack of fox hounds hunted by Sherman Haight. This area, in addition to the fox, has the European hare which spread to that community from Millbrook where they were liberated 62 years ago.

A Field of 60 moved off to the first draw, well spread out in back of the jack at my request, as the hare requires almost being stepped on before she will jump up and away. About 50 yards in the grass meadow, a member viewed, and we were off to a fine run for about a mile-point when hounds checked at a macadam road.

As I cast hounds along a hedge row, Horatio Ford, well turned out in velvet cap and the green coat with peacock blue collar of the Whitford, called to some youngsters, "Hold hard. please!" These were his last words as he suddenly fell to the ground, almost in the arms of one of his sons. He died as many a true sportsman would choose, participating in his favorite sport.

Horatio Ford was in his seventy-second year, a graduate of Yale in the class of 1904, a Cleveland attorney, a farmer, a student of forestry, a good shot and a fine horseman. For 22 years a beagler, Master and founder of the Whitford Beagles in 1930, he hunted the pack for most of its existence. A vigorous man, he would pass for at least 15 years younger than his actual age. Horatio's keenness and drive has kept the Whitford going. This past year his son Andrew was elected Joint-Master with S. Tucker Fox. He leaves five sons and a married daughter. To his family, we express our deepest sympathy in the loss of their father, a perfectionist in his line of sport.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES, of Westwood, Mass., with Josiah Child, Master and Leslie Brown, whipper-in in action at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show.

TREWERYN BEAGLES, Berwyn, Pa., David B. Sharp, Master and A. William Battin, whipper-in.

VERNON-SOMERSET BEAGLES, Peapack, N. J., shown by Wilfred Atkinson, huntsman. This pack took home quite a few ribbons from the Bryn Mawr show.

SANDANONA BEAGLES, Millbrook, N. Y., Joint-Masters Morgan Wing, Jr. and Mrs. Wing, whipper-in. Four packs met the day after the show; 17 couples worked together and had an excellent hour and twenty-minute run. A Field of 50 enjoyed the sport and it is hoped this will become an annual event.

LISETER BEAGLES of Newtown Square, Penna., shown by Huntsman Jack Carson, with some of the trophies won by the pack. Mrs. J. Austin duPont is the Master.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES, of Upper Brookville, N. Y., Dr. Joseph Connoly, Master, being judged at the Bryn Mawr Hound show.

SNAPSHOTS FROM THE NATIONAL BEAGLE TRIALS

Strange bed-fellow. morgan wing's cabin at Aldie, Va.

Gladstone 1st place. 13" 2-couple pack. Huntsman Jack Carson

Treweryn 8-couple pack. winners for second successive year. Master:- D. B. Sharp, Jr. Whippers-In:- Bill Battin Dick Thompson John Todd.

Vernon Somerset 4-couple pack Huntsman: Wilf Atkinson.

Raynham 4-couple pack. Master:- Mrs. E.H. Carle. Whippers-In:- Mr. E.H. Carle and "Charley"

Waldingfield 4-couple pack with Josiah Child master; Dick Thompson whipping-in. Winners of the Harrison Trophy for highest total score in the trials for second year.

Sandanona 4-couple pack - highest scored pack in any class, winning the Baker Trophy - 50% Field; 50% bench. Master:- Morgan Wing, Jr.; Whipper-In & Joint-Master:- Mrs. Wing with Jack Eyre who presented trophy.

Sandanona wins
John C. Baker Challenge Plate
for second straight year

Buckrum - "What will we run today?"
Joe Conolly & Jack Eyre

Raynham "four couple"
second in 11 packs

Treweryn
Eight Couple

Watching Show
K. Leavitt, A. Leavitt, E. Hurry, B. Tuckerman Jr.

"Is this Sharp's cabin !?"

Time Out
L. to R.
Gail Young, Ann Wing, Rad Hunt

Liseter
Third; in Two Couple Class

"A Real Deal"

The Substitute Huntsman

Day Which Begins With Nervous Anguish Suddenly Becomes A Wonderful Experience

Barbara Conolly

"Watch the door—don't let them break. All right, open her up. Back, Ruthless, steady. Hold hard. (Will they hold?)"

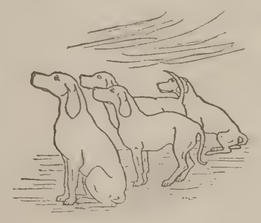
Softly now "All right."

Hounds burst eagerly out of the kennel door, and, remarkably, check around my feet.

"Hold up, Merrymaker. Bring him in, John, please.

All right, hounds, empty out."

So far, so good. I take a deep breath Things just can't continue this well This is the first time I have ever hunted hounds for the subscribers. My husband, their regular Huntsman, is laid up today and I would give, well, I don't



"... ready to break cover, sir!"

know what I would give, to have him back in charge right now.

I'll throw some biscuit to the troublemakers—nothing like an appeal to the stomach.

"Hup, Mendip. You know my voice' don't you, Mentdip? (but how could you the way it is shaking.")

Minuet, Minuet—huic—(I'll wring your pretty little neck if you babble!)

And Thistle, whee Thistle, biscuit, huic, huic (come back here, you clown!)

All right hounds, (a toot on the horn) van up."

Crackle and Moley have to be thrown in as usual. Darter is found hiding under the trailer. Put her in, close the door. Last minute word to the whips.

"Watch Thistle and Mona—don't let them wander—but otherwise let hounds draw wide as we have a short pack. (All our reliable bitches are in season, but what the field doesn't know won't hurt them.")

Terrible fight breaks out on one side of the van. Thrashing, snarls, screams. Whip crawls in to separate combatants, gets nipped. My fault, we have put Moley in with Barrister by mistake. Error quickly rectified. We are off.

Day is bitterly cold, raw, overcast. At meet I wish I had worn pants instead of skirt. A gust of wind makes me doubly regretful of my costume. I look at my hounds. They are sitting on their sterns, haunches slightly off the ground, shivering to the last dog. They look ready to break any instant. I pull out the biscuits and begin to bribe again. It starts to snow.

Dear heaven, why does there have to be such an enormous Field today? The weather is lousy, but in spite of it, there must be 80 people standing around—well, 40 maybe. Wouldn't you think they'd stay home today?

The Field Master wants to make an announcement. No, he's not. . . yes, he is going to blow his horn to get peoples' attention no. . . Toot. Hounds leap forwards, backwards, up and down when they hear the horn. Panic sets in. I'll never get them back. Where are the Whips? Why don't they move? We spend hours telling them what to do, now why don't they do something? Ah, but they are there, quickly turning hounds, and with a couple of toots, they are back to me.

The announcement made, we turn to draw. Fine snow is now blowing in sideways from the east. After the first wild scattering and ten minutes of misery when I think hounds will never settle down and hunt for me, they are all right

Roguish opens, "Yowp, yowp". Everybody gets nervous, Field, hounds and especially me. She is a good bitch, but occasionally unstable. What shall I do? What is it that the regular Huntsman always does at times like this? For the life of me, I can't remember. I stand still and blow one blast. That ought to do something. It does. The hare suddenly

"... and is free ..."

leaps up in the middle of the pack, flattens her ears, ducks left, right, left, and is free, flying downwind across the field without ever a leap to locate herself. This hare knows the country. After a moment suspended in time when hounds seem to be snapping at air and running in place, they suddenly make contact with the plow, hit their stride and are off. Like tracer bullets. Surely they never ran that fast before. I feel as if I were on a treadmill. I can't get my breath. My legs are wooden. Now they are a big field ahead of me. Surely they'll over-run now; surely they'll check, or sniff, or slow down, surely. . .

But no, today they run as fast to nose as to view. That demented Barley is leading them. She has a very fine nose, not much voice, and runs like a whippet for a flag. Now they're out of sight in the snow. Two whips pass me. Then two college boys. I run one field, two, three, then into the woods and down a lane. At the fork a breathless boy tells me they are speaking north. I hear nothing, but turn right and run some more. Mother Macree, it's only Folly on a squirrel. She has a weakness for them. I look down. I had thought there were tracks up here but they have turned back. I run south now, blowing occasionally, and suddenly hounds begin to appear from ahead. How horrible—I have blown them back from the line. Did the regular Huntsman ever make such a blunder? A winded Whip runs up to say that hounds have checked on the road ahead. Well, that's a touch better. I gather hounds up with a toot-toot, and jog up to the road, hoping it will look to the growing crowd of spectators as if I were bringing the hounds on to a halloa. No such luck as several hounds are still there, feathering on the far side of the road. I put my bunch on and in an instant, they are away through a sheep pen.

Now I can keep up as the hare is circling and turning. My chief problem is keeping over-anxious trackers away from the head of the pack. The hare will not break away.

At last there is a view on the road again. She has doubled back but it is against our principle ever to lift hounds to a view when they are running, So I let them work the line slowly out, and Moonlight, Barley, and Duchess do some lovely work. Daring picks it up on the road again, and I cheer to her as she excels on roads. The pack runs west a hundred yards before breaking back into the woods.

The slow trailing has cost us time however, and the wind has risen, so the next thirty minutes are cautious work with two what seem to me horrendously long checks before the line is recovered. What I wouldn't give for a view. We get into cottontail covert and pandemonium breaks loose. Every hound has a bunny it seems, I blow and blow and blow. People are freezing. My lipstick smears all over my face from the horn mouthpiece and I see spots (the correct technique of horn-lowing completely escapes me).

Finally all but Garnet are with me and he puts in an appearance ten minutes later with a cross Whip on his tail. Due to his age, cottontail are evidently becoming more appealing to him than hare. They don't run so fast. I feel a moment of keen sympathy with him.

We are so far behind our hunted hare, I decide to try for a fresh one in a field nearby. The field has thinned out to a dozen or so for the snow is driving furiously, lashing our faces and drenching our sneakers. Hounds draw well, particularly Merrymaker. Snow is his element—the deeper it gets the harder he will work—but a hot sun on the contrary will finish him off very quickly.

As we draw the field, I am conscious of an increasing disturbance. A jet plane is zooming over us, again, again, and again. Each pass is lower and it is evident he is in trouble. Visibility must be almost zero to him—we only see him for an instant before he disappears into the thick wall of snow. On the fourth pass, his engine coughs, dies, and he vanishes. My stomach flops but we hear no crash. Within 5 minutes the Syosset fire whistles blow and we envision the worst.

I have little heart to hunt. We'll draw one more field and go in. I am just turning towards home—my Whips are way out—the Feildway behind, discussing the plane, when unexpectedly a jack jumps up and bounds off—to the west of course, away from home.

Where else? I don't think the Field even saw it. The cry of hounds is swept away by the wind. I wave and shout and three or four begin to run. I don't remember starting but I'm running again too.

Maybe hounds will lose at the road. Maybe scent is getting worse. Maybe the hare will double back.

I catch up to Garnet, tossing him a breathless, cheering (I hope) word, then Crackle who is puffing along on her short doughy legs (the snow is getting deep for her), and finally the pack check on the road. However, there is no excuse for packing up and going in there are the tracks of the hare quite plainly up the side of the road. Daring leads the packs and soon they swing back into a small field. This is a step in the right direction. But what's this? Could Daring be having a running fit? And Duchess too? A short circle of twenty feet in diameter and back to the road? But there are the tracks. It's the hare that's mad.

This time she goes straight across and leaves the country without further ado. I worry about Ruthless who does not cross the road with us. We haven't lost a hound out hunting since I can remember. At least two years. Am I going to be the one to break this record?

Hounds go on and on, field after field. get into a development of houses, untangle a double back in a dooryard, make several breaks for the west but each time turn south again, enter a big oak wood, unravel a hairpin turn one way along the bottom of a banked wall and then along the top in the reverse direction, then line out into Chadwick's big field, well out of our usual country. Finally Ruthless puts in an appearance and joins the hounds at a check. She has trailed us for about a mile and a half. A friend drives up to say that the jet crash-landed safely and the pilot was uninjured. Hounds pick their check, and suddenly the day seems wonderful.

I don't mind my icy feet or the stinging snow, Hounds hunt magnificently. Each seems to contribute something outstanding. Mendip takes the line into a wood, Moley jumps the hare afresh Darter corrects an error at the edge of the field again, Garnet picks a check—the pack hunts on and on and on. I have nothing to do but follow them and cheer them on occasionally.

A friend drives a Whip back for the van. We hunt the remaining half hour 'till it is too dark to see hounds, then I blow them off, and this time the biscuits aren't bribes. The hounds seem like the gamest little hounds in all the world as they crunch their biscuit and turn gaily beside me towards the headlights of the waiting van.

Account Of National Beagle Club Trials At Aldie 1915 and 1916

Jo. H. Child

A few years ago, Joseph Hutchins of Fall River, owner of the Watuppa Beagles, which contain more Florist blood than any other beagles today, handed me some copies of the "American Field" dated November 1915 and November 1916.

Among other articles on beagles they contain a report of the National Beagle Club's Trials, held for the first time at Aldie:

"The twenty-sixth annual field trials and ninth annual show for beagles held at Aldie, Va., started under the most favorable conditions. The Club should be congratulated on its selection of grounds, as in the opinion of all, it is the finest place they have ever run trials on and undoubtedly, the finest grounds in the United States. Aldie is a small village about fourteen miles from The Plains. The grounds are about four miles from Aldie and a more beautiful rolling country cannot be found. The trials were run over the Institute tract of one thousand acres. This land, we judge, has been farmed to death since the war—everything taken off and nothing put on—hence, a suitable home for the cottontails that have the get-up-and-go in them.

Everything possible was done for the comfort of every man and dog and every member of the Club was ready to offer a helping hand or suggestion. A more democratic Club would be hard to find. There was an abundance of rabbits. The grounds were just hilly enough so that spectators could see nearly every chase from beginning to end. . ."

"The packs of eight couples of beagles started first. There were eight packs entered, judged by Thomas Shallcross and Charles A. Vogel, (Each hunt is described in detail.) Each pack entered contains the name of each hound, the name of the owner and handler. The packs competing were:

Piedmont Pack—Placed first, Piedmont Hunt Club, Owners—Arthur Kirby. Handler.

Belray Pack—Raymond Belmont, Owner—Handler.

Vernon Place Pack—Richard Gambrill, Owner-Handler.

Ragdale Pack—Arthur Burden, Owner Handler.

Old Westbury Pack—J. S. Phipps, Owner, Joseph Quinn, Handler.

Wolver Pack—C. Oliver Iselin, Owner-Handler.

Wheatley Pack—Second, H. C. Phipps, Owner, Arthur Little, Handler.

Somerset Pack—Third, George P. Post, Jr., Owner, Ernest Peutrell, Handler.

Bayard Tuckerman can tell you something about each one of the above packs. It will be noticed that the name Owner and Handler only is used, not the term Huntsman and Whipper-in. Ernest Puetrell, the huntsman for the Somerset Pack, became the Huntsman of the Wing Ridge Pack when the Vernon Place and Somerset Packs were merged in 1922. The Somerset Pack had been established in 1888.

There were nine packs entered in the four couple class which was also won by the Piedmont; Somerset was second, Wheatley, third; and Wolver, Reserve.

There were sixteen packs in the fifteen-inch Two Couple.

Belray, was placed first; Wolver, second; Sir-Sister, third; Piedmont, fourth.

There were only four thirteen-inch Two Couple packs.

Old Westbury Pack, was first; Rosedale Pack, second; Old Westbury Pack II, third.

"The ninth annual bench show was held on Sunday, November 7th, and brought forth about as excellent an array of high class beagles as have ever been benched and they were most excellently judged by **Paul Jones**, his awards meriting the praise almost universally given. The special for the best hound in the show is narrowed to a contest between the imported bitch, Belray Cora, and the imported dog, Somerset Watchman, the former winning out in a close race."

I suspect that the Watchman Challenge Cup for the eight couple class, won by the Wolver in 1918, was named after Somerset Watchman.

The classes must have taken all day for they included all the classes we now have at the Bryn Mawr Show, plus classes for two couple and for three couple. (I notice also that Wheatley Frantic was placed in the show. This must be the hound that the 15" two couple cup is named for.

The single classes, including derby classes, then went on for three days and included all dogs that had previously run in the pack classes. It looks as if the pack owners had had much more leisure in those days.

Out of the November 1916 issue (though somewhat damaged) I have extracted the following:

"The fields are mostly pasture land of tall grass, called broom grass, which does not permit many sight chases. Several packs will often be run off, while the judges and spectators stand on the top of one little hill and watch the whole performance, perhaps moving ten or fifteen rods, to where they can see down the other side or through the ravine and up the side of the opposite hill. The old Institute building is very adaptable for the use of the Club. It is made of stone and concrete. It has a large dining room in the basement which will accommodate one hundred and fifty guests, a parlor of about the same size on the main floor and two large bedrooms, probably having been used for classrooms by the school. There are two additional stories above with bedrooms to accommodate **one hundred people.**" This statement should inspire the present day house and rooming committee to look into the matter of housing more people in the main building. The fire hazard committee should also be made aware of any new developments in this direction.

1916

This year the trials started out with 13" two couple as they do today. There were eight of them, including a Waldingfield Pack.

Results—Reynal Pack, first; Piedmont, second; Waldingfield, third.

There were nineteen 15" two couple packs, the largest entry I have ever been able to discover at the Nationals. First, the Piedmont Pack was owned by the Piedmont Hunt Club. Joseph B. Thomas, I believe, was the Master, and Arthur Kirby was the Handler. This was the year before Frank Stuart appeared as huntsman. This pack seems to have been the outstanding one of those days, as they placed in nearly every class in which they were entered for a number of years. The Wolver Pack was second and the Charmion, owned by George Flammer, was third.

The Vernon Place Pack won the four couple. This is the first record I can find of their winning. . . the start of a long line of winnings which lasted for thirty-seven years. The Waldingfield placed second and Piedmont, third.

The Wolver Pack won the eight couple and continued to win this class for four years in succession. I note there were many Belray hounds in the Wolver Pack and that Belray is no longer entered in the pack classes. This would indicate that Mr. Belmont gave up his hounds at that time and Ollie Iselin got a substantial draft fro mthat pack.

Chetwood Smith judged the bench show that year. The Best Hound was the Wolver entry of Belray Cora. (She also won the Brood Bitch Class). This bitch later reached the second series class in the 15" single bitch class. There were classes for couples, two couples, three couples and eight couples. The eight couple was won by the Wheatley Beagles.

Joe Hutching has other **Fields** which he will let me have, but I think this is enough reminiscence for now.

I wish I were with you. . . Good Hunting!

BEAGLES FROM THE DISBANDED WALDINGFIELD PACK AT A JOINT HUNT LAST SPRING.

(Reynolds Photo)

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Michael Lyne

Courtesy of Morgan Wing, Jr.

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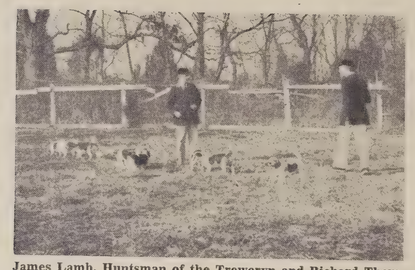
The Sandanona Beagles Painted By Michael Lyne For Morgan Wing, Jr.

Mr. Michael Lyne who has made several trips here from England to paint horses and hounds has included two beagle packs in his list of works, the Wolver Beagles, C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., Master Middleburg, Va. in 1953 and the Sandanona Beagles, Millbrook, New York in 1953.

Our cover page shows the Sandanona Beagles in full cry on a hare on their opening meet at Thorndale, Millbrook, October 10, 1953. Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and Huntsman is hunting the pack with Mrs. Wing Joint Master and Whipper-in with her Norwich Terrier, Killy Lieu (old English hunting term on view of hare corresponding to Tally Ho for fox), who regularly hunts with the pack. Next in line is Whipper-in Miss Adele Leavitt. In the background is mounted whipper-in Oakleigh L. Thorne who also serves as Chairman of the Hunt Committee. The majority of the beagles are from individual portraits painted in the kennels by Mr. Lyne. One of the more prominent is the tail hound, a bitch Vernon Somerset Barberry, a gift from Edith Gambrill, widow of the late Richard V. N. Gambrill, Master of the Vernon Somerset Beagles. Barberry at the age of eight won the 15 inch three hour stake for Sandanona at the National Beagle Club 1953 field trials.

Mr. Lyne, a beagler himself, and Master of his own pack in England for some years, was a very active member of the field on the day he made his drawings for this lovely water color.



James Lamb, Huntsman of the Treweryn and Richard Thomson, Whip, show their winning 4-couple pack.

The Raynham Pack—Mrs. Edward Carle, Huntsman, Charlie Hughes, Whip, and Edward Carle, Whip, showing their hounds which placed 2nd in the 4-couple event.

64th National Beagle Club Trials

Treweryn Beagles Score 38 Points To Win Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy

Bay State Beagler

The National Beagle Club, with headquarters at the Institute Farm in Aldie, Virginia, held its 64th Annual Pack Trials starting with the 2-couple classes on November 12th and ending up with the stake classes on Sunday, the 15th. Captain C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., the Club President, was our perfect host. He and Mrs. Iselin had done all the necessary ground work that gave us the comforts and the charm that make us all want to return to Aldie year after year.

"The Captain" was only able to enter a 2-couple this year, having had bad luck with sickness in his kennels. Sheltered by his big sombrero, he worked hard and continuously as "field marshal", keeping the packs coming in quick succession.

This year scenting conditions varied tremendously. The first packs down on the frost-covered ground were able to drive with tremendous speed. As soon as the frost lifted, the scent seemed to disappear completely and then reappear about eleven o'clock when the top surface dried off. Conditions in the afternoon were usually poor until late in the day.

The Treweryn Beagles win the National Challenge Cup with four Vernon Somerset bitches. Richard Thomson and David B. Sharp, Jr. pose them.

The pack that stood out above all others, winning the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy for the highest number of points at the Trials, was the Treweryn, with Master David B. Sharp, Jr., guiding his little hounds superbly in the field, assisted by Whips, Dick Thomson, Bill Battin and Rad Hundt. This pack won the 4-couple, was second in the 13" 2-couple, third in the 15" 2-couple and second in the 8-couple; and in the 13" stake class, they placed first, using Fd. Ch. Gunner's Mate Jo-Joe. They also won the National Challenge Cup for the first time. This Cup is perhaps the most coveted one of them all as it is awarded to the 2-couple pack having the highest combined score on the bench and in the field. The Treweryn Pack was composed of Vernon Somerset Melissa, V. S. Bretta, V. S. Dora and V. S. Miranda.

It was certainly First Vice President Dave Sharp's year at the Nationals. He has been Master of the Treweryn for 24 years and has done more than anyone else to stimulate beagle pack hunting. Evidence of this is always apparent at Aldie as the Treweryn followers keep arriving throughout the Trials, finally filling up every available sleeping space. Our Secretary, Morgan Wing, Jr., and Assistant Secretary, Bill Battin, were kept busy between hunts collecting blankets and mattresses and finally they had to reserve space in a nearby motel.

Morgan and Anne Wing, with their Sandanona Beagles from Millbrook, New York, did extremely well with their beautiful pack of newly acquired Vernon Somerset hounds. They won the 15" 2-couple with the longest and fastest hunt of the Trials, the pack being composed of Busy and Merrymaker, which they had bred themselves, and V. S. Barberry and V. S. Mavis. Sandanona won the Treweryn Forger Cup with Barberry and placed second with Mavis. It is interesting to note that Barberry is 8 years old. She is by V. S. Marksman out of V. S. Brassy. Mavis is a granddaughter of Marksman out of V. S. Brassy. For the second year in succession, Sandanona also won the John C. Baker, Jr. Challenge Trophy, for the best pack of the four-couple, 50 per cent in the field, 50 per cent on the bench.

Another pack that gave joy to the gallery was the Raynham Pack from Keswick, Virginia, hunted by Mrs. Edward Carle and whipped into by Mr. Carle and Charlie Hughes. Their hounds have beautiful manners, lots of bone, are cheerful and industrious in their work and have nice deep voices. Mr. and Mrs. Carle are to be congratulated for getting together such a fine pack in so short a time. They placed 2nd in the 15" 2-couple, 2nd in the 4-couple, and 4th in the 13" 2-couple.

We were all overjoyed upon arriving at the kennels Wednesday night to see a sign marked "Whitford Beagles". They had come all the way from Cleveland, bringing four and a half couple of hounds. These were hunted nicely by Bill Downie, whose notes on the horn outclassed any other huntsman at the trials. The whips were Mrs. Andrew Ford and S. Tucker Fox III. The masters of this pack which was established by Horatio Ford in 1928, are S. Tucker Fox and Andrew Ford. Unfortunately, due to business pressure, Andy was unable to get to the trials until Saturday night. The Cleveland contingent were a happy addition to our crowd and we hope very much that they all show up for years to come. It pleased me immensely to have their Scrupulous place 3rd in the 15" stake class. She is of Clear Creek stock and one of her progeny is a fine hound in our Waldingfield pack.

The 8-couple class had the largest number of entries since the war; six in all. All the packs were run in the open rolling country about a mile northeast of the Institute on the Clifford property. Our pack, the Waldingfield, hunted by me with Whips Tuckerman, Brown and Ainsworth, was the 1st down in the class, the 4th down that morning at about ten-thirty. The frost had gone, but there still remained a heavy mist and we could tell by the way the hounds behaved that scent was good. We holed the first rabbit very quickly, then put another into a rock pile with all hounds marking. Another rabbit had been viewed a few minutes previously. Bill Battin showed me the line, I put them on quietly and they worked him up and ran hard to a brush pile, pushed him out of this and with a great cry took him to a hole far into the woods. We were ordered up and knew we had put on a very good performance. Later the Judges, Dean Bedford, former Master of the Pemberton, and Harry Truxel awarded us the

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Beagle Trials

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Watchman Cup and the Sir Sister Cup for the pack with the highest score at the Trials. This was the first 8-couple class I had ever won at the Nationals, either with the Covelane or the Waldingfield, so we were mighty pleased.

Scenting conditions did not prevail for the other 8-couple packs. Treweryn had the next best performance, with a long drive to ground. But Bunny had to ask the gallery if the rabbit had been seen beyond the point where his hounds stopped hunting before he dared blow "gone to the ground". They had two other rabbits which were nicely handled by huntsman and hounds.

The Sandanona went down just before dark and gave the gallery a spectacular show with some fine open running to win 3rd place.

The Buckram 8-couple, hunted by Jo Connolly, with his wife, Barbara, and Jack Eyre as whips, was the best turned out pack at the Trials. They placed in the 13" 2-couple, in the eight couple and were second to Fd. Ch. Gunner's Mate Jo-Joe, with their Vagabond.

I think that one of the interesting features of the trials was the remarkable showing made by the Vernon Somerset hounds. This pack was only disposed of by Mrs. Gambrill about 6 months ago after Mr. Gambrill's death. For many years, this pack has been the most outstanding one in the field and on the bench. This year, the Sandanona won the Wheatley Frantic Cup, the Baker Challenge Trophy and the Treweryn Forger Cup with Vernon Somerset hounds. The Treweryn won the National Challenge Cup and was 4th in the 15" Stake Class with Vernon Somerset hounds. Their blood will, I am sure, flow profusely throughout all the packs for many years and be a lasting tribute to Richard V. N. Gambrill and to the generosity of Mrs. Gambrill who gave these hounds to many packs registered with the National Beagle Club.

Ike Carrel, always a faithful executive committee member, arrived at the trials with Owen Payne of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and Maggie Anderson and Ken Dennison, both from Akron, Ohio. These famous hound men took a keen interest in the pack classes and contributed much to the conviviality of the occasion. Owen Payne was pretty pleased at having just "finished" his Hilda. There was a rule passed that every time he mentioned her name, he had to buy a drink, so most of the drinks were on him. Ike bunked with Allen Snowden and myself for the second year in succession. I shall always be pleased at the choice I made, for Allen had the cabin well-stocked with refreshments and eats before I arrived. Famous beaglers from all over the country kept dropping in to pay their respects to the Editor of "Hounds and Hunting" and Master of the Shady Shores Beagles. Ike has made 29 field champions and the Shady Shores blood is known far and wide among single hound people and pack people alike. It was Shady Shores Select, bred to Trestlebrook Phyllis, that created Treweryn Forger, whose blood runs in most of the packs at our trials today.

John Cowperthwaite, former Master of the gold-coated Readington Foot Beagles, who won the 8-couple class in 1941, came with his daughter "Vita", now at Foxcroft. At a special meeting held on Squaw Hill, called together by Anne Wing, was voted the "Most Beautiful Man at the Trials". Jack Eyre made the presentation of an appropriate emblem.

At a very special meeting in one of the cabins, the gentlemen assembled and voted unanimously to give the beauty prize to the Sir Sister ladies, Jane Dane and Mildred Prunerat. Each was presented with an orchid, which they wore throughout the trials.

Secretary of the National Beagle Club Morgan Wing, Jr. discussing the trials with Mrs. Carl Robinson of the Little Elk Beagles, from Elkton, Md.

Mrs. Edward Carle and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. with Ken Dennison, who had come from Akron, Ohio, to see the pack trials, for the first time.

The most popular song, though a sad one, was the Buckram Beagle Song, composed by Barbara Connolly and sung by Barbara, Eleanor Hurry and Anne Connolly, accompanied by Cornelia Eyre and Cameron McLeod. Way into the night one could hear the refrain:

"It was sa-a-a-ad—oh, it was sa-a-a-ad
It was sad when the huntsman blew his horn. . . ."

Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., the newly elected Honorary Vice President, looked stunning in his battle jacket and watched every pack with keen interest. A search party was being organized when he failed to show up after the stake class in the morning. He thought the mare he was riding would know the way back to her stall. She did, but her home base happened to be Middleburg and not the Institute. Somehow, after jumping a chicken coop (a saddle mare,

The Joint-Master and Whip Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. of the Sandanona is all attention at a check of their hounds. Mrs. Wing was formerly a whip of the Quansett Foxhounds and of the Waldingfield Beagles.

she had never before done such a thing), Bayard found his way to a road and arrived smiling just as the searchers, led by Mrs. Tuckerman, were setting out.

Other prominent beagling enthusiasts present were Sister Grew, Master of the Noanett Beagles, from Dover, Mass., with her whip, Jo-Jo-Hart; the Little Elk Master, Carl Robinson, with his beautiful wife from Elkton, Maryland; Jim Exum from Snow Hill, N. C. dispenser of those good "Happy Jack" remedies, Sir Sister Secretary, Dick Harwood; the dark-eyed, fleet-footed Lorna Ainsworth, who gave the Waldingfields such valuable assistance as a whip; Adele Leavitt, the keeper of the scrapbook, and her father, Irving Weeks, who first came to the Nationals when they were held in Chadwell, Va.; and Roy Beardsley, representing the American Kennel Club at the field trials; and many others, old like myself and young like Anne Wing.

And thus comes to an end a brief account of the most successful National Beagle Club Pack Trial that I can remember. I hope to come to many more and hope particularly that all those people who formed such a happy combination will return next year and continue to do so for many years to come.

SUMMARIES

Foxcatcher Plate, 13" two-couple (8 packs)—1. Waldingfield; 2. Treweryn; 3. Sir Sister; 4. Raynhas; Res.:—Buckram.

Watchman Cup, 8-couple, (6 packs)—1. Waldingfield; 2. Treweryn; 3. Sandanona; 4. Buckram.

Wheatley Frantic Cup, 15", 2-couple, (15 packs) —1. Sandanona; 2. Raynham; 3. Treweryn; 4 Waldingfield; Res.—Wolver.

Minstrel Plate, 13" stake class—1. Treweryn's Fd. Ch. Gunner's Mate Jo-Joe, by Fd. Ch. Pleasant Run Lawyer—Fd. Cr. Elrick's Yellow Creek Nifty; 2. Buckram Vagabond; 3. Sir Sister Dawning; 4. Sir Sister Daybreak.

Somerset Challenge Cup, 4-couple (11 packs)—1. Treweryn II; 2. Raynham; 3. Waldingfield II; 4. Sir Sister; Res.—Sandanona II.

Treweryn Forger Cup, 15" stake class—1. Sandanona's V. S. Barberry, by V. S. Marksman—V. S. Brassy; 2. Sandanona's V. S. Mavis; 3 Whitford's Clear Creek Scrupulous; 4. Treweryn's V. S. Bretta.

Bench Show

Lieser Plate, Best 13" Beagle (Dog or Bitch)—Waldingfield Postman (Waldingfield Tango—Waldingfield Problem). Res.—Sandanona's V. S Bunting (V. S. Marker—V. S. Brassy).

Turnbull Cup, best 15" Beagle (Dog or Bitch) —Sandanona Melody (Wolver Baker—V. S. Mystery)—repeat for 2nd year. Res.—Waldingfield Puritan (Du. Ch. Amawalk Link—W. Pumpkin).

National Challenge Cup, best of 2-couple packs, 15" or under, 50 percent field, 50 percent bench—Treweryn I.

John C. Baker, Jr. Challenge Trophy, best pack of four couples, 50 percent field, 50 percent bench—Sandanona.

Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy, highest total scored pack in the classes in the field—1. Treweryn, 38 pts.; 2. Sandanona, 26 pts.; 3. Waldingfield 25 pts.

Treweryn's winning four couple at National with master and huntsman Dave Sharp at right. Dick Thompson, whipper-in.

FOUR COUPLE PACKS AT NATIONAL
Top — 1st place Treweryn with James Lamb, huntsman and Richard Thomson, whip. Bottom — 2nd place Raynham with Mrs. Edward Carle, huntsman; Charlie Hughes, whip, Mr. Carle, whip.

From top — relaxing after a hard hunt: Jack Eyre, Mrs. Snowdon, Henri Prunaret, Allen Snowdon, Mrs. Jane Dane, Bun Sharp, Ann Conolly. Sir-Sister red devils, 4th place four couple pack shown with Jane Dane, co-master and Mildred Prunaret, whip. Mrs. Edward Carle and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman discussing packs with Ken Denison. Bottom — Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Conolly with the 4th place Buckram, eight couple.

David Sharp showing Treweryn four couple for John C. Baker, Jr. Challenge Trophy.

WALDINGFIELD FOUR COUPLE
From left — Leslie Brown, whip; Josiah Child, master; Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, whip. Third place winners.

TURNBULL CUP WINNERS AT NATIONAL
Josiah Child, Waldingfield co-master, with Waldingfield Puritan, by dual Ch. Amawalk Link x Waldingfield Pumpkin — best 15 inch male. Ann Wing, Sandanona whip with Sandanona Melody, by Wolver Baker x Vernon Somerset Mystery — cup winner for best 15 inch beagle.

TREWERYN WINS NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP
Richard Thomson with two couple having highest average, field and show. David Sharp, master, attracting hounds.

GLADSTONE & NATIONAL WINNERS
Master Josiah Child with Waldingfield two couple. The dark hound at right is Postman, best 13 inch dog or bitch at National show.

SANDANONA WINS JOHN C. BAKER, JR. CHALLENGE TROPHY
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., with the highest average four couple, field and show.

ROSTER OF BEAGLE PACKS
1953
NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.
Secretary, National Beagle Club

Though we have lost during the year two packs of beagles, the Vernon-Somerset, Peapack, New Jersey, disbanded in March in their 41st season on the death of their Master, Richard V. N. Gambrill, and the Bethel Lake in their 20th season on the death of their Master, Thomas L. Grier, we welcome to our midst two new packs, namely the Little Prospect Beagles, Jarrettown, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan, Joint-Masters, and the Tewksbury Foot Bassets, Gladstone, N. J., James S. Jones and Haliburton Fales II, Joint-Masters.

Our registered packs now consist of thirteen packs of beagles, three packs of bassets and one pack of harriers. The gain of two packs of bassets is due to the fact that the former Stockford Beagles, Alfred E. Bissel, Master, has converted to bassets and will henceforth be known as the Stockford Bassets.

In the disbanding of the Vernon-Somerset, we lost one of our foremost packs but their bloodlines will be continued through the gifts of hounds from the pack by Mr. Gambrill's widow, Edith Blair Gambrill to the Buckram, Sandanona, Sir-Sister, Treweryn, Waldingfield and Wolver Beagles. The Vernon-Somerset Beagles at The National Trials this past month featured in some important wins for their new owners, principally the placing of 1st in the 15-inch two couple class for Sandanona—two Sandanona—two Vernon-Somerset beagles—and the repeat of these two Vernon-Somerset beagles, both bitches, Vernon-Somerset Barberry and Mavis as 1st and 2nd in the 15-inch three hour stake—also the winning for Treweryn Beagles of the National Challenge Cup for the best two couple pack, scored 50% in the field and 50% on the bench, all four hounds Vernon-Somerset bitches, after placing 3rd in the 15-inch two couple class.

During the coming year we hope that additional new packs will be established. We now look to Metamora, Michigan where Reese E. Howard received four couple of beagles from the Sandanona last spring. He is endeavoring to establish a pack there with a view to recognition in 1954.

To perpetuate the memory of our deceased Masters, a committee is setting up a Masters Memorial Fund, the income from which is to be allocated to projects to further the sport of beagling. It is planned that a memorial plaque will hang in the main room at Institute Farm, Aldie, Va., recording the name of the Master, his pack, years of mastership and year of death. As soon as the fund has been established, all beaglers will be given an opportunity to contribute to it.

With the largest attendance ever at The National Trials in November and the first appearance of a new competitor, the Whitford Beagles, we can feel that the spirit of beagling continues on the rise.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES
Upper Brookville,
L. I., New York.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members; others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening—green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr. Huntsmen: The Masters. Honorary Secretary: Owen T. Frisbie. Whippers-In: Lorna Ainsworth, Clinton G. Bush, Jr., Mrs. Barbara H. Conolly, Ann Conolly, Henry B. Thomson III.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr. 1934; Henry B. Thompson, Jr. 1935; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr. 1936-1946; John C. Baker, Jr. 1946-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES
New Castle,
Delaware.
Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-In: Margaret Wilson and Donald R. Willis.

Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November 1st through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del., and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES
Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Masters: Charles Schuck and Robert Hunteman. Huntsmen: The Masters.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is a limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only.

Country is approximately 10 miles by 5 with some paneling.

Former Master: Philip K. Crowe, 1933-1953.

LISETER BEAGLES
Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs J. Austin duPont. Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-In (honorary) John duPont.

Twenty couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience

LITTLE PROSPECT BEAGLES
Jarrettown,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1952.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robin's egg blue collar with black piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Whipper-In (professional) W. Lobley.

Seven couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays and holidays.

Country gently rolling farm land with woodland.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT
Box 588,
Red Bank
New Jersey.
Established 1885
Recognized 1904.

Public pack, supported by Subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert H. Smith. Whippers-In: Miss Isabelle Haskell, Mrs George S. Howell, R. G. Metcalf and James S. Hauck; (professional) Melvin Ryan. Kennelman Charles J. Holmewood.

Thirty-five couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap $10. Hotel accommodations at Polly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

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(Cal and Don Young Photo)

Waldingfield Postman, champion 13" beagle dog at this year's Bryn Mawr Hound Show.

(Cal and Don Young Photo)

Champion dog, 15"—Liseter Merry Rex—the 1953 Bryn Mawr Hound Show.

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RAYNHAM BEAGLES
Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia.
Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-In: (professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-In: (honorary) Jake Carle.

Eight couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1st to April 1st, generally three days a week Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

SANDANONA BEAGLES
Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1948.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping; evening—green, yellow silk facings with gray piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary: William Morin. Whippers-In: Oakleigh L. Thorne; Adele Leavitt and Miss Sally Melver.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits Sundays and holidays October through March. Visitors welcome.

Country is rolling farm and woodland.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES
Natick,
Massachusetts.
Established 1903.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Mrs. Edward H. Dane and Henri F. Prunaret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-In: Mrs. Henri F. Prunaret, (professional) John Clifford.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

Former Master: Chetwood Smith, 1903-1952.

STOCKFORD BASSETS
Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1935.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1935) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Ten couples Bassets. Cubbing starts in August Hunting October 15th to March 15th. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted in within a radius of 3 miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES
Henderson,
North Carolina.
Established 1924.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry.

Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.

TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS
Gladstone,
New Jersey.
Established 1950.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robin's egg blue collar. Masters: James S. Jones and Haliburton Fales II. Honorary Secretary: Charles B. P. Van Pelt. Whippers-In: Miss Margaret Wemple, Irvin Salz and James Russel.

Ten couples of bassets. Kennels Gladstone, N. J. Hunt hare Sundays and holidays October through March. Visitors welcome.

The country is rolling agricultural, about half woodland and half pasture and plow.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS
Hampstead,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping; evening—same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Joseph W. Shirley, Jr.; Field Masters: Joseph W. Shirley, Jr.; and Victor Weybright. Whippers-In: (honorary) Mrs. John Bayley, Mrs. Charles R. Rogers and Charles W. Lane.

Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack and fox. Season: October 1st to March 15th, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md.

Country grass, woodland and cultivated in Baltimore, Harford and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

TREWERYN BEAGLES
Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.

A subscription pack founded 1924, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping; evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: (1930) David B. Sharp, Jr. Huntsman: James G. Lamb, Jr. Chairman of Field Committee: A. William Battin. Whippers-In: (honorary) W. West Frazier IV, John B. Todd, Lester T. Hundt, Jr., Richard H. Thompson. Kennel huntsman: (professional) Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Foundation stock from the English Thorpe Satchville, Mr. Reynal's and Trestlebrook Beagles. Game hunted, Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sunday, August 30th to April 1st.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Sharp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint-Masters), 1929-1930.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES
Westwood,
Massachusetts.
Established 1886.

Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar. Master: (1886 to 1940) James W. Appleton. Masters: (1946) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child. Honorary Secretary: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Huntsman: Josiah H. Child. Kennel Huntsman: (professional) Leslie J. Brown. Whipper-In: (honorary) Miss Millicent B. Whitall.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, Mass. Hounds are hunted regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Fixture cards sent out for meets in March and April.

Former Master: James Waldingfield Appleton, 1886-1941.

THE WHITFORD BEAGLES
Gates Mills,
Ohio.
Established 1930.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening—same. Joint-Masters and Huntsmen: Andrew Ford and S. Tucker Fox. Field Master: Walter McKelvie. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Richard Seymour. Whippers-In: (honorary) David Grund, Charles Richardson, Alfred Vehring, George Watkins, Robert Adomeit and Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples 13 and 15-inch beagles hunt country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Hunt Kansas jack rabbits and cottontail rabbits, October through March. Sunday fixtures and midweek bye-hunts. Address Andrew Ford, 2270 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Former Master: Horatio Ford, 1930-1952.

WOLVER BEAGLES
Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master, Whipper-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome.

A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

Webster Pack Wins 3rd Annual Trials

Eastern Mass. Beagle Club Has Trials For Chetwood Smith Memorial Trophy

Bay State Beagler

Fourteen 2-couple packs competed for the Chetwood Smith Memorial Trophy on Sunday, August 23, at Evergreen Farms, Dudley, Mass. Beaglers from all over Massachusetts, and as far away as Millbrook, New York, congregated for the drawing at 9 o'clock on a beautiful clear day. Among the prominent beaglers in the gathering were President Hubert Hutton, Secretary Ray Gribbons, Oscar Morrisette and Ray Lescarbeau, co-chairman of the trial, Joseph Socha, field marshall, the entire Sir-Sister staff in green livery, except for Secretary Harwood, who has lost so much weight his coat wouldn't fit him, Jo Child and Leslie Brown of the Waldingfield. Morgan and Ann Wing pulled in late as usual, but full of enthusiasm, in spite of having been up until midnight catching hounds who had gone off on a deer while they were trying to sharpen them up for the trial.

Other prominent beaglers who have contributed to the sport for many years showed up during the day. Among them, Henry Columbo, Stan Hixon and John Rowan, who arrived with his entire family and were around until the

The third placed pack, owned by Tony Konisky and Jerry Kirsel.

final awarding of the prizes.

The Hunthurst Beagles, made up of three of Tony Konisky's dogs and one belonging to Jerry Kirsel, were down first and gave great cry through the swamp and orchard. The Webster Pack, not seen by most of the gallery, gave the judges a real workout as they went out of hearing at the far end of the grounds.

The best visible hunt of the day was the one put on by the Sir-Sister black 2-couple, consisting of Daylight, Ebro, Benefit and Vernon Somerset Bantam, hunted by the new dark-horse huntsman, Mildred Prunerat. They first trailed a big bunny through a blueberry patch, pushed her out into the open across a field where the gallery had a splendid view as hounds were right on the line in full cry. They then went down across a swamp onto the golf course where our former ladies' state champion took pleasure in disturbing some golfers approaching a green. They were picked up running and Mildred and Henri, the newest Sir-Sister whip, were roundly cheered by the gallery as they emerged puffing, but triumphant, from the woods.

Lunch was eaten in the shade of a thicket overlooking a hay field, where sheep were grazing at the lower end. Our generous host, Henry Esterbrook, didn't seem to care how much we trampled down his fields or how many apples we picked in his orchard. We all caught up with the latest beagle gossip—some hound trading was going on in one corner, Waldingfield and Sandanona seemed to be the principal participants. It seems that Sandanonas have three lemon and white hounds that Waldingfield would like to trade for two black blanketed puppies. Among us were three Bassett puppies belonging to Frank Carter. One of them went back with the Wings who were bringing it to their whip, Adele Leavit.

The going, on the whole, was tough, but Jim Hutton and Leo Bertrand did an excellent job picking the best and placing them properly. First place went to the Webster Pack—all local hounds individually owned who had hunted together for a long time. The makeup of the pack was:

Brophy's Chackerjack, Leo Brophy; Morrisette's Smokey, Oscar Morrisette; Socka's Ringleader's Son, Joseph Socha; Kunkel's Lady, Clem Braczek.

Second place went to Sir-Sister Black; 3rd place to Hunthurst and 4th place to Waldingfield III.

The packs and their order of running were as follows:

1. Hunthurst; 2. Vernon Hill; 3. Sir-Sister Red; 4. Clintonia; 5. Sir-Sister Black; 6. Sandanona I; 7. Waldingfield III; 8. Webster; 9. Waldingfield I; 10. Sir-Sister; 11. Noel-Hutt; 12. Sandanona II; 13. Waldingfield II; 14. Hixon's Pack.

All of us who participated wish to congratulate the Eastern Mass. Beagle Club Field Trial Committee for putting on such a fine trial, the proceeds of which will be for the benefit of the Cornell Research Foundation.

See you next year. . .

The Sir-Sister ladies waiting their turn, (l. to r.) Jane Dane, Mildred Prunerat and Patricia Walker.

(Reynolds Photo)

The Waldingfield Beagles with huntsman Leslie Brown.

Waldingfield Beagles Hold First Meet With Their New Hunt Staff

The Waldingfield Beagles held their first scheduled meet at the Mason Sear's in Dedham, Mass., on Sunday, March 7th. The new hunt staff, consisting of Leslie Brown, Huntsman, Barrie Whittall, First Whipper-in, and Audrey "Mouse" Almy, Second Whipper-in, performed creditably, with seven and a half couple of hounds and six rabbits for them to hunt.

The first rabbit was chopped before she had a chance to run and the others ran to ground all too quickly. But it was a beautiful day for the 30 followers that showed up for the sport, many of them friends of our lovely whips.

It has been our custom to hold scheduled meets only during March and April, for this is the time of year that rabbits run best in this part of the country. It was my first experience as an observer instead of huntsman and I found the experience very pleasant. Ed, my 12-year-old son, and I were mounted and had a good opportunity to see the hounds work. Bayard Tuckerman acted as Field Master and his wife, my Joint-Master, was always close to the hounds, watching them with a discerning eye. We used four newly entered puppies and all seemed to do well—one of them, Sandanona Bouncer, was out in front most of the time—a little too far out in front, I'm afraid.

About half way through the afternoon, we were honored by the appearance of the entire Sir Sister staff, with green coats and scarlet colors and smiles.

Our meets this year are scattered throughout many counties and states. We go as far away as Fallston, Maryland, (March 27 and 28) at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bedford. There is a scheduled meet at Kent's Island in Newbury, Mass., at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Marquand. The last meet of our season will be on April 24 at Barney's Joy in South Dartmouth, our best hunting territory, where the rabbits usually run like hare over grazing land and sand dunes bordering the sea.

April 24, 1954 may be the last scheduled meet of the Waldingfield forever after, but I hope not. The doctor tells me that I cannot run after beagles any more and, because I cannot hunt them, I have come to the sad decision to let the pack go at the end of this season.

The Tuckermans and I hope that some individual or group will see fit to carry them on, using the same hounds and staff. We will entertain any suggestions that will ensure the continuation of the pack, now in its 68th year, having been established in 1886 by James W. Appleton.

—Josiah H. Child

(Reynolds Photo)

Gone to Ground—(L. to r.): Sylvia Audrey Almy, 2nd Whipper-In and Milicent B. Whittall, 1st Whipper-In.

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ALDIE, VA. NOVEMBER 12-22, 1953

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

64th Annual Field Trial Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—24 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner
1st	Buffalo Runchester	R. G. Hertz
2nd	Oaklay Jack	J. B. Davison
3rd	Reno's Rudy	R. S. Powell
4th	Todsky's Dewey	R. Todhunter
Res.	Colonial Parkmoe	R. G. Philips

13-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—59 Starters

1st	Cap-Maid Margo	C. S. Karper
2nd	Grayline Debby	Dr. A. H. Heisy
3rd	Antietaum Dutch	G. B. Bachtell
4th	Miller's Girlie	O. N. Miller
Res.	Irving's Dot	I. S. Foltz

15-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—28 Starters

1st	Oak Leaf Buddy	W. A. Leitzinger
2nd	Stowie's Sport	M. L. Stow
3rd	Pageline Ranger	B. L. Page
4th	Pageline Playful	B. L. Page
Res.	Cutiar's Bob	W. A. Lankford

15-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—15 Starters

1st	Marteney Lady	N. M. Holdsworth
2nd	A-O-Bessie	A. H. Oyeman
3rd	Hockin's Little Patsy	J. M. Greene
4th	Dee Cee Blue Jean	H. A. Patterson
Res.	Tuscarora Duchess	W. Weirs

JUDGES

EARL HAINES, McKees Rock, Pa. ROY BUNDICK, Philadelphia, Pa.

PACK STAKES

FOXCATCHER PLATE—13-Inch—Two Couple—8 Packs

	Packs	Owners	Address
1st	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	Westwood, Mass.
2nd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	Sir Sister	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.

WHEATLEY FRANTIC CUP—15-Inch—Two Couple—15 Packs

1st	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
3rd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
Res.	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	Westwood, Mass.

SOMERSET CHALLENGE CUP—Four Couple—11 Packs

1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
3rd	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	Westwood, Mass.
Res.	Sir Sister	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.

WATCHMAN CUP—Eight Couple—6 Packs

1st	Waldingfield	Waldingfield Beagles	Westwood, Mass.
2nd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
Res.	Buckram	Buckram Beagles	Old Brookville, N. Y.

MINSTREL PLATE—THREE HOUR STAKE—13 Entries

1st	Fd. Ch. Gunner's Mate Jo-Joe	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Buckram Vagabond	Buckram Beagles	Old Brookville, N. Y.
3rd	Sis Sister Dawning	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Sir Sister Daybreak	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.

HUNTSMAN: DAVID B. SHARP, JR.

TREWERYN FORGER CUP—THREE HOUR STAKE—11 Entries

1st	Sandanona's V.S. Barberry	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Sandanona's V.S. Mavis	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
3rd	Whitford's Clear Creek Scrupulous	Whitford Beagles	Novelty, Ohio
Res.	Treweryn's V.S. Bretta	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR.

Josiah Child distinguished Master of Waldingfield 1953

Best 15" Dog or Bitch
Sandanona Melody

MUSK OX

ARCTIC HARE

ARCTIC WOLF

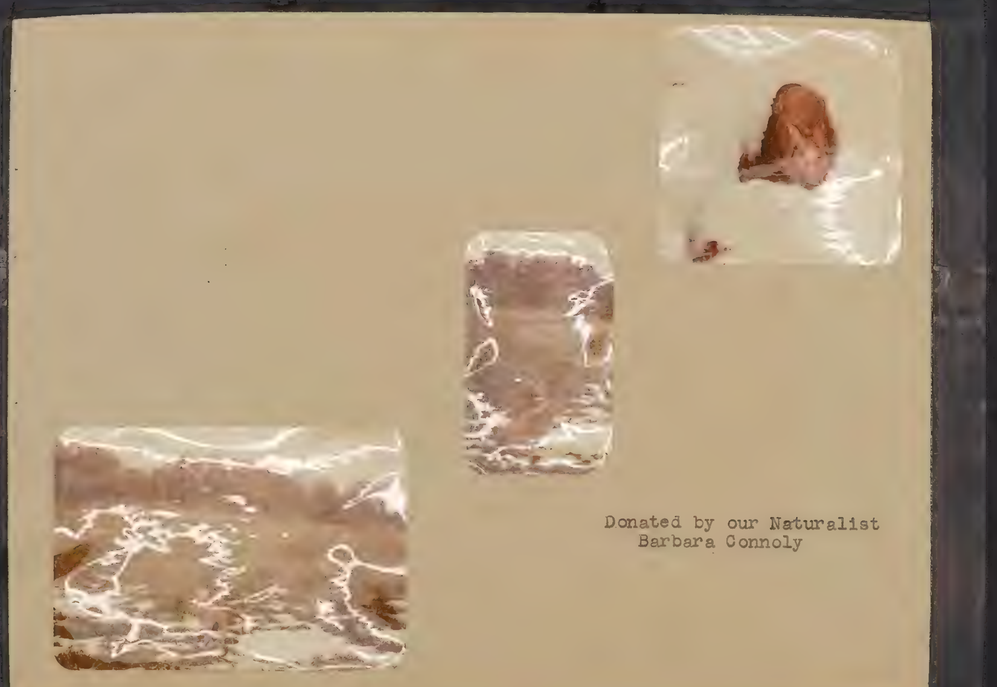
LIFE IN WINTER AND SUMMER

FROM any one perspective the tundra sprawls between curved horizons like a forsaken void of nature, vacant of movement and of life. In the desolate vistas of the arctic plain solitary creatures are lost to view. Yet this impression of utter emptiness is illusive. The painting on these six pages discloses the procession of living things that pause on a segment of the Canadian tundra landscape as the arctic year unfolds. Even in winter, when lakes are frozen and the land lies blanketed in snow, a few hardy creatures stir on the inhospitable wastes. In the bright, warm months hordes of summer visitors sweep up from the south and the muskeg marshes shimmer with the wings of many migratory birds.

Unscarred by roads or human habitation, the tundra provides a vast natural habitat for the arctic animals that have adapted themselves to its exigencies and made it their domain. Here in the Thelon Game Sanctuary of the Canadian Northwest Territories—a wilderness

ARCTIC HARES, more gregarious than their southern cousins, scamper away in an orderly pack across the rocky soil of Hare Point on Ellesmere Island. The hares of the southern tundra change color in spring, as do the ptarmigan and other arctic creatures. But the hares of the far north remain white the year round since snow is on the ground most of the year. Present everywhere in the Arctic but nowhere common, they are efficient foragers, reaching a weight of 14 pounds.

M. Wing Jr.'s project for next winter!.



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Barbara Connoly

The Beagle Hound

Old Fashioned Beagle—Or Miniature Foxhound? Some Conclusions In Favor of the Latter

C. R. Acton

It can be stated with a tolerable amount of certainty that the beagle was originally bred off the Rache, or running dog indigenous to these islands. Of the latter Ossian wrote: "There is an excellent kind of scenting dog, though small yet worthy of estimation. They are crooked, lean, coarse haired and heavy eyed, but armed with powerful claws and deadly teeth."

And Giullaume Twici, huntsman to King Edward II spoke of the Raches which, judging by the early pictures of them, by that time had become rather greyhoundy in appearance.

But the original beagle was not greyhoundy. Whether it was due to inbreeding with hounds of Julius Caesar's importations from Greece we cannot at this distance of time decide, but the original beagle was a mottled colour, with long back and long ears, "jambes torsees," or slightly bandy, short legs, and a thick neck, inclined to be throaty.

Their size varied considerably. In fact, one reads that Queen Elizabeth had a pack of beagles so small that one of them could "fit into a lady's glove". but I should be rather inclined to accept this statement with reservation!

James II hunted hares in the Vale of Belvoir with a cry of miniature beagles, and beagling became popular in England in the seventeenth century, owing to the passing of the Games Act, and to the great decline of deer-hunting.

The eighteenth century saw a falling off in the popularity of beagling, owing to the promotion of the "little red rover" from being "vermin to a vast of folk" to "glory to a few", and it was latish in the nineteenth century that interest in the ancient sport revived.

There was then, of course, a great demand for hounds from the few packs that had carried on during the period of decline, and it can safely be stated that that was the nucleus from which the beagles of today have sprung.

There were different types, even in that nucleus, but the more common type was squarish, stocky, musical and a most pertinacious line hunter. Some packs possessed an admixture of Southern blood; in fact, one can state that there was one small group of beagles whose ancestry must have gone back to the Southern blood, as they retained so strongly the appearance and characteristics of that excellent, though now-a-days—alas!—rare type of hound.

In recent years the breeding of beagles has developed in many ways. The publication of the Beagle Stud Book has eradicated the tendency, rife at one time, to promiscuous breeding. And promiscuous it certainly has been in the past. There are beagles, particularly Welsh beagles, who bear signs of a rough-coated terrior cross or crosses, in their ancestry!

Possibly the most significant development has been the gradual leaning to the miniature foxhound type. By this I do not mean that foxhound blood is being used, but the ideal has been accepted, by many Masters of Beagles, of a quality animal, with good, clean neck and shoulders, well ribbed up, standing on good feet and sound hocks. An active well-balanced hound, full of quality; in short, a miniature foxhound in appearance.

This development has given rise to much discussion. Which is the better type of beagle? The one approximating as nearly as modern conditions will allow to the original? Or the one resembling a small foxhound?

The upholders of the old-fashioned type maintain that the beagle was originally designed to hunt a hare, not to burst it up; moreover, the pack was to be followed on foot, and therefore its speed should not be so great that the field cannot keep hounds in sight. As one is aiming at a good, long hunt involving a considerable amount of work, the main essentials are nose and stamina. The quality, miniature fox hounds, so state the protagonists of the "older" type, are apt to have too much drive and fling, to gallop too fast, to do the whole job like foxhounds, in short. "Fair play" is their motto; like gentleman of the Goose and Dumpling Hunt, they would scorn to take an unfair advantage.

That, of course, is the art of beagling in a nutshell—leaving it all to the hounds; the adaptation to hare-hunting of Lord Henry Bentinck's precept for foxhunting: "A huntsman's first boast should be that all his hounds required was to be taken to the covert and taken home again." On the other hand I think that we may find that an ideal state of affairs may just as well be achieved by the miniature foxhound as by the "old-fashioned" beagle of the squarer, shorter coupled type.

First of all, the miniature foxhound type has undoubtedly inherited nose. No one can say that the modern beagle lacks anything in the way of scenting capabilities, especially when one takes into consideration the petrol fumes, main roads, railways and artificial manure, difficulties with which its ancestors never had to contend.

Secondly, stamina. It is quite erroneous to decide that stamina and sturdiness of appearance must necessarily be synonymous. To illustrate my meaning; there is no pack of foxhounds possessed of more stamina than the College Valley and they are the exact opposite of sturdiness in appearance. It can be the same with beagles; some of the most graceful, quality-looking beagles are among those possessed of the most stamina. It is not the square, burly frame that denotes stamina. It is heart room.

As far as bursting their hare up is concerned, that is a matter for the huntsman, and allowing hounds to find their own hare.

Speed is a point which can be regulated by size. I admit that a large pack of miniature foxhounds, say of over 16 inches, would probably be too fast for the average field; a 15 inch pack, however, would be not too fast, but

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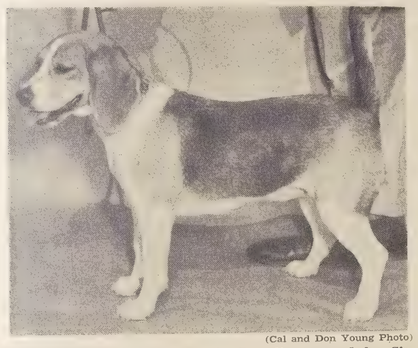

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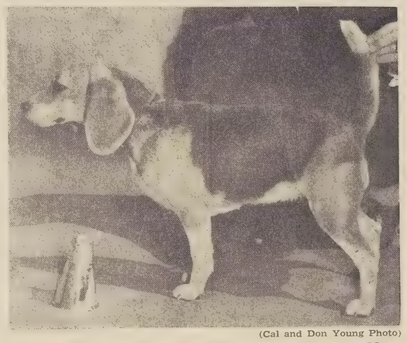
Champion Bitch, 15"—Theron's Cornelia, entered by Sir-Sister Beagles.



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Liseter Charming, champion Bitch, 13", at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show.

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Beagling In Ireland

National Beagle Club of America Elects Arthur George Ryan As Honorary Member

Stanislaus Lynch

Irish beagling circles were delighted to hear of Arthur George Ryan's election as an honorary member of the National Beagle Club of America.

Arthur Ryan, Secretary of the Irish Masters of Beagles Association, has probably done more for beagling in Ireland than any other master, and has infused new life into the sport.

Due to his untiring efforts, a Beagle Show was included as part of the annual Foxhound Show at Clonmel. The Foxhound Show has been in existence since 1914, and the Beagle Show (started in 1950) is now an annual event.

He started the first Irish Beagle Stud Book, and, by adhering to fair standards, has greatly improved the overall quality of Irish Beagles.

Each winter he arranges joint-meets with other packs, and hounds which he bred have improved the blood-lines of many Irish kennels.

He is now Master of the Holy Cross Beagles, and has 20 couples of entered hounds in the kennels at his home, Inch, Thurles, County Tipperary.

To appreciate the difficulties which confronted him when he attempted to introduce standards, start a Beagle Show, and open an Irish Beagle Stud Book, one would need to be conversant with every phase of the sport in Ireland.

The subject is vast and complex, so I have devoted the following special article to it at the request of the editor of The Chronicle:

In Ireland, the word "beagle" is probably the most misleading term in the whole dictionary of sport! There is no shortage of beagles, provided that one is familiar with the exact shade of meaning applied to the word in any given district. There is no shortage of excellent sport, provided that one is conversant with the manner in which it is carried on in any given locality. But the beagling enthusiast who is uninitiated into the care-free ways of Ireland is liable to be taken for a ramble up a great many garden paths unless he knows exactly what he wants and exactly where he will find it.

In the spacious days before men togged out in well-cut green coats, immaculate white breeches and hand-knit green stockings, huntsmen arrived at the meet in a strip of deerskin that never bore a tag of "perfect fit guaranteed". Judging from ancient Irish manuscripts, these hardy fellows carried on their sport in a manner almost exactly similar to the orthodox beagling of to-day. So far, everything seems to be quite in order; but it is from that time on that the trouble starts.

Some of them, apparently, liked small hounds; others, medium-sized hounds; while others, who were either Olympic hurdlers or jugged hare addicts, preferred hounds as big as suckling calves!

The only thing that has changed very noticeably is the little wisp of deer skin, and if the prices of men's clothing continue to chase each other up the ladder of mounting costs, I shouldn't be surprised to see Hunt Staffs in the near future togged out in whiskers and deer-skin modesty vests!

The only things which seem to have changed very little are the hounds; for we have still got small hounds, medium-sized hounds and, believe it or not, a fairly liberal sprinkling of the calf variety! I have hunted with all these types, and be their points good or bad I love them all, for they are hounds. But my heart is wrung with sympathy for the visitor who comes to Ireland in search of beagles. . . . for, depending on the district, any hound in the above category, from a midget to a monster, may be described lightheartedly and without any suggestion of untruthfulness as "a beagle"! !

I often wonder if it is our Irish love for tradition which is responsible? It is only in comparatively recent years that the foxhound as we know him came into being as a special type. That would be something over two centuries ago, and two centuries would hardly be missed out of the vast treasury of Irish tradition. The harrier pre-dated him by a long way, while the modern stud-book type of beagle is probably a later creation. Hounds of all three sizes, though perhaps not exactly of all three types, are mentioned in ancient Irish manuscripts.

Sometimes they were used as "tufters" to rouse the quarry and make it break into the open, where the fleet-footed Irish wolfhounds would then course it down; much as a modern bobbery-pack of mixed terriers and beagles would bolt rabbits for the waiting guns. But while the Irish wolfhound, like the modern greyhound, ran mute, the "tufters" gave tongue (Ancient MSS. "do Labhradar" i. e. they spoke).

The huntsmen of ancient Ireland obviously loved the cry of hounds, for in the year 432 A. D. Oisin the Bard said to St. Patrick who was converting the country to Christianity, "To the son of Cumhall and the chiefs of the Fiann it is sweeter to hear the voice of hounds than to seek mercy". Apparently also, they liked the hounds themselves and plenty of them!. . . for in the poems attributed to Oisin there are 2,272 verses on Finn and his hunting, and the names of 300 hounds are given.

So in those early days there does not seem to have been any shortage of hounds, and although King Brian Boru who was killed by a Dane at the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 A. D. is supposed to have been the first Master of Foxhounds, I doubt if there was any clear definition of foxhounds, harriers or beagles.

So far as I know there were only two classes which were carefully distinguished. . . "cu" and "gadhar", (pronounced Koo and Guy-ar). "Cu" was the hound, the wolfhound, who ran by sight; and "Gadhar" was the hound who ran by scent and gave tongue. "Gadhar" is sometimes translated into beagle, although it is not supposed from the scholarly viewpoint to do full justice to the Irish word. So the "gadhar" was probably a combination of our foxhound, staghound, harrier and beagle; and if we give the ancient Irish word its nearest equivalent in English translation, it explains exactly why. . . if I may alter the old adage about charity. . . the word beagle covers a multitude of hounds!

So far as the modern Stud-Book con-

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ception of the word beagle is concerned; that is, a game little rascal of from ten to sixteen inches in height; we have twelve recognized packs of such. The English Judges at Clonmel Beagle Show last year said that the Champion Dog and Bitch were as good as could be found anywhere. These packs are hunted on foot and are fairly evenly distributed over the country. Their popularity has increased enormously in recent years and it is encouraging to see fields of from eighty to one-hundred-and-fifty followers turning up at meets regularly.

The Welfort Beagles, a pack which was started a few years ago in County Galway, is showing excellent sport, and is run entirely by two charming young girls, Miss Doreen D'Arcy and Miss June Kerans.

An interesting feature of the sport is the big number of joint meets which are held; even between packs so far apart as the Waterford and the Oakfield (County Limerick).

As regards packs which are not of the orthodox Stud-Book beagle type, these are legion. They are called beagles, although they are in reality harriers. All of them that I know, and I know most of them, are trencher-fed; each farmer keeping a hound or two. The majority of them are hunted on foot, but a few are hunted on horseback. Hares are their principal quarry, since they invariably run in circles and give their followers a chance of seeing the chase. Foxes are hunted occasionally, but footmen dislike them, as they usually make a bee-line for home and few see the chase.

Nearly every farmhouse in several districts of central and south Ulster keeps hounds of this sort, and they are always called beagles, . . . or at the risk of horrifying purists of hunting terminology, . . .they are quite frequently called dogs! Paddy-so-and-so's tan dog, Mickey-the-Glens brackled (spotted) dog, J e m m y-Tom-Peter's blue-mottled dog, and so on. Their breeding has been handed down from generation to generation, and whatever name they be called, they are splendid workers and provide excellent sport.

Then there is the extraordinary case of another Irish breed of hound, whose genealogy goes back to the very dawn of hunting, whose official name is "The Kerry Beagle" but who, according to modern beagle standards, is not a true beagle at all! ! ! These are heavier and more powerful hounds than their Ulster prototypes, and are to be found in several Irish counties, but in particularly big numbers in Cork, Kerry and Clare.

These are the hounds from which the American Foxhound is descended! The same type as the couple "Mountain" and "Muse" which Bolton Jackson of Baltimore, Maryland, imported from Ireland nearly a century and a half ago! ! !

The famous county Limerick pack, the Scarteen Black-and-Tans, are pure bred Kerry Beagles. Reputed to be in the Ryan family since the Treaty of Limerick, 1691, they are now used exclusively for hunting foxes and are unquestionably one of the fastest packs in Ireland. I heard several masters of hounds, men who were competent judges of pace, say that under good scenting conditions and in clean, open country, they could run any fox off his legs in twenty minutes. Their scenting powers are remarkable, and their music is truly wonderful. I measured several of them in their kennels and they ranged from 18 to 24 inches, but "Meddler" was 24 1-2 ins., and "Trumpeter" and "Merchant" were each 25 1-2 inches high!

The Naas Harriers are also pure bred black-and-tan Kerry beagles and are the same stamp as the Scarteens. So too are many of the hounds of the County Clare Hunt.

My greatest surprise, however, occured during two seasons hunting in the Kerry mountains. As in County Cork, the hounds here were used for hunting drags as well as foxes and hares. "Freeman", a remarkably powerful Kerry Beagle, I measured with a spirit level on the concrete floor of his owner's cosy kitchen, and he stood 26 inches high!

The modern plucky little Stud Book beagle seems to fade almost into insignificance when compared to these massive animals.

The uninitiated who comes to Ireland in search of beagles, would therefore need to know beforehand exactly what he wants and exactly where to find it. The Stud Book description is likely to be permanent; and the English translation of the old Irish word "gadhar", that has been handed down from century to century, is hardly likely to be changed either. So the searcher will need to step warily, for he is dealing with one of the greatest enigmas in the realm of Irish sport:—the homely, friendly word, "Beagle".

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quite fast enough, for those full of running.

For those who wish to do their beagling at a more sedate rate of progress there can be bred delightful little packs of 14 inch beagles, though I am afraid there are very few of these charming little hounds left today.

A pack of the "miniature foxhound" type of beagle, standing about 15 inches is, to my mind, the ideal type. Leave them alone and they will hunt their hare to death in anything between forty minutes and two or three hours, according to scenting conditions. They have inherited nose, and their balance and symmetry will give them the requisite stamina.

Moreover, other things being equal, the miniature foxhound type stands for quality, and quality means beauty, and "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever"!

Britain's Best of the Year

Peterborough Beagle Winners Show No Lack of True Character Nor Hard Hunting Drive

Wilson Stephens

This season's Peterborough Hound Show saw an important change in the schedule for the beagle section. Only stallion hounds and brood bitches were shown as individuals; all other classes were for couples or two couples from the competing hunts, although in every case a special prize was added for the best hound shown. It is impossible to say for certain whether this change discouraged some hunts from entering. The facts remain, however, that it is easier to pick out a single hound to represent the pack than to team up a matched and balanced couple, and that only 12 hunts entered the lists this year compared with 22 last year. This could be cause and effect.

If the absentees calculated that the competition would be too hot for them, they may not have been wide of the mark so far as the bitches were concerned. But the dog hounds hardly seemed worth singing a song about, and faint-heartedness possibly lost some prizes here. Under the new regulations the reduction in the entry did not correspondingly reduce the number of hounds on view, and the cumulative effect was of leveliness in type rather than of high individual quality.

This was not a show to prompt the comment, heard over here sometimes in recent years, that beagles are getting to look like miniature foxhounds. There was no lack of true beagle bounce and 'character' nor, to anybody who has seen the packs in the field, any lack of hard hunting drive among the entered hounds.

Truth compels the observation that the class for stallion hounds represented paternal worth rather than masculine glamour. In the circumstances this was right and proper, since most hunts had put in hounds which had actually proved themselves capable of getting offspring able and willing to hunt rather than those which, from appearances only, looked as though they would do so in due time. This resulted in the presence of some seasoned patriarchs and, although the names of all could not figure in the prize list, the names of most are already going down to posterity in the pedigrees of kennels other than their own.

The winner was the Aldershot's Coventry ('49), bred by the Ampleforth College. He had a couple of years in hand of the second, Old Berkeley's Loader, bred by the Bolebroke, now a little grizzled but very much a worker last season and doing his job again in the present one alongside no fewer than twelve couple of his offspring out of the total Old Berkeley pack of 22 couple.

(Frank H. Meads Photo)

Champion dog beagle at the 1953 Peterborough Hound Show, Aldershot Farley Hill Ranji.

By contrast the brood bitches were one of the strongest classes in the show and the winner, Dummer Princess ('51) went on to be champion bitch. There is little sign of the sedate matron about Princess who represents the modern trend in beagle breeding, combining cobby type with plenty of daylight under her, and pace as well as quality in every line. She has a sprinkling of blue mottle about her front, and most hounds with that marking seem able to go. Second to her was Eton College's Livid ('51), a daughter of the redoubtable Loader, already referred to.

These, the only classes for individual hounds, foreshadowed the way ahead, for both the Aldershot and the Dummer had an excellent day. The Dummer, a small private pack, won three of the five classes for bitches. What they would have done among the dog hounds is anybody's guess, but they were precluded from competing because their Master, Mr. R. N. Rycroft, was judging. The Aldershot pack are going through one of those periodic phases best described as 'in the making'. Their plentiful quality is in the process of being welded into a level Aldershot type.

It was the Aldershot who produced the champion dog-hound in Ranji, and did so in circumstances which exemplified the difference in showing in classes for couples as compared with those for individual hounds. The class for couples of entered dog-hounds had been won by the Ampleforth College with Finder ('52) and Plunder ('49) which, despite the three years between them, paired well enough to give the judges a clear decision so far as first place was concerned. Second were the Farley Hill with Christmas and Crofter, last year's litter brothers from the Dummer bitch Della by that fine sire Bolebroke Craftsman ('45). So far, be it noted, no mention of the Aldershot in this class.

But then came the judging for the best hound. There was only one in it, and he came from neither of the first two couples. Aldershot's Ranji had it, and not only in this class alone for he went through to win the dog-hound championship after a tight finish, the facts of which are related below. Ranji might have stepped out of a Sartorius painting. He is short-legged, compact, with the best of neck, racing shoulders, and masses of propulsion in his quarters. He was bred by the Farley Hill (though the Aldershot might claim him as home blood, for he is by their sire Romper) and he carries the Farley Hill stamp—all activity with his hocks well under him all the time. A hound like this is more than useful in the mixed woods and upland of the Aldershot country.

Some of us felt that one minor detail might have made him even more useful, and that would be an extra patch or two of white in his coat. It is all very well to say that a good hound cannot be a bad colour, but a pack composed of Ranjis would have the field guessing soon enough, There is no doubt that they would go handsomely whenever they had the chance, and on plough they would take a deal of picking out at anything of a distance on a misty winter day. Your correspondent likes to think that he can still stay somewhere near hounds, but there is small question that a dash of white is a help and comfort at times —and if it is not, why does Providence put that tip on every stern for the benefit of other hounds? Ranji will probably get good puppies in his own image but for the sake of those lucky enough to hunt with them, let us hope that not all inherit his nearly whole-coloured coat.

Now for Ranji's championship, which was just one of those things which happen to those who breed and show hounds. Ranji had a litter brother which the Farley Hill named Ranter. Ranji went to the Aldershot; Ranter

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Foot Beagles With Their Merry, Musical Cry Show Great Sport To Hunters

F. G. Skinner

The writer has just received from his friend General Rowett, the owner of the famous stock farm "The Meadows," near Carlinsville, Ill., a pair of foot beagles, little beauties, and perfect types of that pretty race of diminutive hounds.

Years ago when the field editor of the Turf, Field and Farm, we advocated the importation and breeding of this variety of dog as a desirable addition to our venatic resources, the smallest, called "basket," or "foot" beagles, for hare hunting, and the largest for driving deer. Since then several kinds of beagles have been established in different parts of the country, the best of which are those of Mr. Hunt of St. Louis, and General Rowett of Illinois. The pupples we have just received are of the combined blood of these two kinds; in color they are black, white and tan; in size they are not larger than a well developed house cat, and in form they are perfect miniatures of the best bred fox hounds.

For old gentlemen who, like the writer, have become too stiff in the joints, or too fat and "pussy" to follow on foot the pointer or setter over the stubbles, but in whom the love of the chase still survives, the beagles will prove a great resource, as it requires very little physical effort to hunt with them.

In the vicinity of our cities whence all feathered game has disappeared, our small American hare (lepus Virginianus, erroneously called rabbit) still survives, to be a pest to the nurseryman and the gardener, but a source of great enjoyment to the sportsman who knows how to hunt with these merry, musical little hounds, scarcely larger than the hare itself.

The beagle has been from time immemorial a favorite hunting dog in Europe. He is chiefly remarkable for his marvelous powers of scent, his great endurance and the music of his cry. There are several noted packs of foot beagles—so called because the sportsman can follow them on foot—in England, the exploits of which are regularly chronicled in the sporting papers. They belong to private individuals and clubs, and we have read of one kept for the use of boys in a large country school. These packs are followed on foot, the sportsmen being provided with long leaping poles, by the aid of which they clear with surprising ease brooks, ditches, fences, walls and other impediments in their way across the country.

All of the field sports so eagerly pursued by the English gentry we should fancy this to be the best calculated to promote that physical development for which as a class it is so remarkable.

Nearly forty years ago the father of the writer, then residing in Maryland, received from an English nobleman whom he had entertained when traveling through this country a draft of five beautiful foot beagles from the royal kennels at Windsor, and these five formed the nucleus of a small pack of these charming little hounds, which was carefully preserved in the family until the outbreak of the war, when the whole of them were carried away from the Virginia farm to which they had been transferred by some appreciative Germans or Sigel's corps.

This little pack, as long as we had it, was a source of unfailing enjoyment, not only to the family, but to the whole surrounding neighborhood, where old and young, white and black, would join in the chase with the greatest zest. One of these beagles, we remember, when too old to keep up with the pack, betook to keep up with the pack, became a famous pheasant (ruffed grouse) dog, and was held in great reverence by the negroes (who often borrowed him for a night's hunt) as perfectly infallible on 'possums and 'coons.

While driving a short time since through the magnificent grounds of Mr. Shoenberger a hare skipped across the road, and we could not help thinking what a charm would be added to this lonely place by the merry, musical cry of a small pack of foot beagles. Cincinnati Times, Sept. 17, 1879.

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stayed at home. When Ranji won his championship at Peterborough it was Ranter who stood next to him as reserve. There could not have been much in it.

The two-couple class for dog-hounds was one to make the heart beat as fast as if it were a hunting morning as hounds poured into the ring. The winners were the Old Berkeley, with the old-timer Loader and his sons, Logman, Lounger and Lodger, All are

(Frank Meads Photo)

Champion bitch beagle at Peterborough, The Dummer Princess.

notable hard grafters in a hunt, good to hold the right line when the mad March hares pop up in all directions in the mad March sunshine. They have, too, the magpie coats that keep them in the eye of the beholder on such occasions.

On the subject of colour, badger-pie seems to be spreading in the English packs and two hounds (it would be nearer the mark to say puppies) of this coat won the class for unentered dog-hounds for the Christ Church and New College. These two have plenty of time ahead of them. They may turn out to be as good as anything else shown at Peterborough this year. The blood and the quality are both there, and in Walter Clinkard, who has just completed 50 years as kennel-huntsman to this university pack, they have the man to make the most of them.

The story of the bitch classes was nearly all Dummer, the two classes they did not win both going to school packs. Eton College were first and second in the class for unentered couples with four young ladies carrying Old Berkeley blood, the winners, Wisdom and Wishful, being out of Old Berkeley Comely ('50), and the runners-up, Restless and Restive, being by Rector, as good a hunting hound as the Old Berkeley have had in post-war seasons. The other winning school were Radley, in the class for packs which had not won a first prize since 1949.

The champion, Dummer Princess, came in with her litter-sister Pastime to win the class for entered couples from the Old Berkeley, represented by litter sisters Calmness and Capsule. This was another strong class, all the ladies being not only easy on the eye but in several cases known to me personally, t r u e hare-catchers. Somebody once said that the most heart-felt words of a good huntsman were 'I loves my bitches'. Their superiority over the dog-hounds this year seems to indicate that the saying must be very true of beagles.

It was no mean performance by the Dummer to put in a couple that could best Calmness and Capsule for Calmness was last year's champion at Aldershot and Capsule is by no means a crow, as Damon Runyan might have said. What was still more remarkable was that the Dummer could and did win the two-couple class with a quartet which did not include either Princess or Pastime but did include Whinchat ('50) a daughter of Dummer's great sire and greater character Woldsman ('41) which, but for the war, might have been the hall-mark of his generation among beagles.

From this it can rightly be deduced that the Dummer's dozen couple (not a strong establishment numerically by English standards) include a high proportion of hounds which are as near pictures as workers can be. This hunt's short history shows what can be done by a man who does not intend to allow anything to stop him having his own hounds. Mr. Rycroft formed the pack in 1939. In the same year he had to face the cruel necessity of disbanding it owing to the war. But that great sportsman Fred Robinson, now in his 18th season as joint-Master and huntsman of the Old Berkeley, hunted a breeding nucleus of the Dummer with his own hounds as long as hostilities lasted and so kept the pack alive. After a short amalgamation with the Wye College in the equally difficult season of 1947-48 Mr. Rycroft got his purely private pack going again and now hunts two days a week from his farm in Gloucestershire without any subscription. If ever a Master deserved his triumphs it is he.

One final reflection emerged from this year's Peterborough. It is that the four most successful packs all hunt countries with a high proportion of hill. The Dummer are in the Cotswolds, the Aldershot on the high chalk country south of London, the Old Berkeley in the Chilterns north of the capital, and the Farley Hill in the downland area of Hampshire and Berkshire, where many famous racing stables are located. This fact may have something to do with the stoutness of the hounds bred by these hunts. Their winners all had power in quarter and loin, good feet, and the balance which enables a hound to go downhill as well as up.

There are plenty of good beagle packs hunting flat land in Britain, including at least two top-notch hunts on marshes. There is no reason to suppose that they cannot produce equally good hounds. Next year, perhaps, some of them will help the Eton College to demonstrate the fact.

TREWERYN — BEST PACK AT BRYN MAWR
From left — judge Dean Bedford, David B. Sharp, master; John Todd, whipper-in.

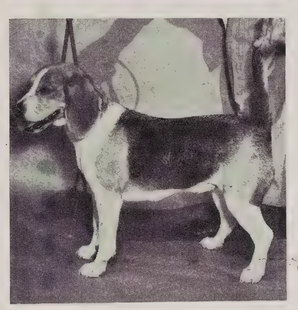
Beagles At Bryn Mawr

Beagler

The 33rd annual Bryn Mawr Hound Show of the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pennsylvania, drew a smaller entry of the *Merry Little Hounds* this year, due to the disbanding of the famous Vernon Somerset pack because of the death of their master, that great sportsman, Richard V. N. Gambrill. It was good to see his famous bloodlines carried on by the other packs through the generosity and farsightedness of his widow, Edith Gambrill, who gave away some of his pack to each of the other active recognized beagle packs. Showing Vernon Somerset hounds this year were — Buckram of Long Island; Sandanona of Millbrook, New York; Sir-Sister from Boston, and Treweryn of Pennsylvania.

The oldest active recognized pack in America, the Sir-Sister founded by the late Chetwood Smith of Boston in 1903, made their initial entry this year with great success, winning the 15 inch unentered dog class and the 15 inch unentered bitch class with their Theron's Casanova and Theron's Cornelia, littermates by the famous Sir-Sister Ebro which won the 3-hour special pack stake at the National in the field for two years — out of Theron's Susan. The present joint masters, Henri Prunaret and Mrs. Edward Dane, deserve great credit in picking two such good ones as stud fees! Cornelia then went on to become champion 15 inch bitch of the show.

Another New England victory went to the Waldingfield. Their unentered Postman, by that good field hound Waldingfield Tango — their Problem took the 13 inch dog tricolor. Postman was also awarded the Na-



BRYN MAWR CHAMPIONS
Opposite column starting from top — Waldingfield Postman, 13 inch champion dog; Liseter Charming, 13 inch champion bitch; Theron's Cornelia (an entry by Sir-Sister) 15 inch champion bitch; (top) Liseter Merry Rex, 15 inch champion dog.

tional Beagle Club Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Jean Austin duPont for the best 13 inch beagle bred and owned by an exhibitor.

The Liseter Beagles, of Mrs. Jean Austin duPont took the other two championship classes winning the 15 inch champion dog class with Liseter Merry Rex 1951, by Ch. Liseter Merrylad — their Queen and the 13 inch champion bitch class with Liseter Charming 1952, by Ch. Liseter Flyer — their Ch. Joyful.

Liseter continued their winning streak by winning the National Beagle Club Challenge Cup, presented by the late Richard V. N. Gambrill, M.B. for the best 15 inch beagle bred and owned by exhibitor, with their Desire 1949, by Ch. Liseter Merrylad — their Dolly.

The big upset of the show came when the Treweryn Beagles took the pack class for the best 5 couple of beagles with their 13 inch pack winning the Second Liseter Hall Trophy for the best 13 inch pack and the Third Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup for the best 5 couple 13 inch or 15 inch. Treweryn had been trying for 23 years to win this class and a great cheer went up from the gallery as this local pack won. The pack was shown by David (Bun) Sharp, master, with John Todd, whipper-in; was conditioned by kennel huntsman Charles Smith, late of Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds. Five packs of beagles were shown and they made a pretty sight as green coats and white breeches mixed with the pink of the foxhound men on the picturesque Rose Tree Race Course. A close second was the all-lemon and white pack of the Waldingfield

shown by joint master Josiah Child with Leslie Brown, whipper-in.

Col. John J. Mansfield of Taunton, Massachusetts, was judge and entertained us all with his stories and spontaneous poems after the show. Dean Bedford, who judged cross-bred foxhounds, assisted in the beagle pack class.

As the guests of the Treweryn Beagles the visiting packs met the following morning at 7 a.m. to hunt jackrabbits with a combined pack consisting of 6 couple from Treweryn and 2 couple each from Sandanona, Waldingfield, Buckram and Sir-Sister, making a total of 14 couple. Hare were very plentiful; at least six were found and hounds ran almost continually for 2 hours in spite of bone dry conditions and almost non-existent scent on plough and in cornfields.

Jim Lamb of Treweryn acted as huntsman for the combined pack and everyone was well pleased with the way strange hounds worked together. Buckram Darter 1947 by Tantivy Barrister — Buckram Domino did some excellent work in the tough spots and the entire pack was together when we decided to call it a day. No mishaps took place except that the *Colonel* claimed he had been bitten by a large black snake with yellow spots. A quick *cure* was found in a nearby car and the poet entertained us all as we adjourned to the Radnor Hunt Club and passed around the Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup filled to the brim with an excellent milk punch. The punch had no ill effects on a lot of very tired beaglers who had driven most of Thursday, were on their feet at the hound show all day Friday, partook of the Masters' Dinner at the Rose Tree most of Friday night and some who continued at other parties until 5 a.m. Saturday and slept in their cars at the kennels for one hour before hunting.

Thirteen Inch Dogs

Unentered — 1, Waldingfield Postman, Waldingfield.

Entered — 1, Liseter Rulee, Liseter.

Stallion — 1, Ch. Liseter Flyer; 2, Ch. Liseter Merry Lad, Liseter; 3, Waldingfield Tango, Waldingfield.

Stallion (with 2 get) — 1, Ch. Liseter Merry Lad; 2, Ch. Liseter Flyer.

Champion Dog — Waldingfield Postman.

Reserve — Liseter Rulee.

Fifteen Inch Dogs

Unentered — Theron's Casanova, Sir-Sister; 2, Sandanona Merrymaker; 3, Sandanona Marathon, Sandanona.

Entered—1, Liseter Merry Rex, Liseter; 2, Waldingfield Prophet, Waldingfield; 3, Vernon Somerset Mystic, Sandanona.

Stallion — 1, Waldingfield Prophet; 2, Waldingfield Puritan, Waldingfield; 3, Buckram Barrister, Buckram.

Stallion (with 2 get) — 1, Waldingfield Puritan.

Champion Dog — Liseter Merry Rex.

Reserve — Waldingfield Prophet.

Couples — 1, Waldingfield Prophet and Waldingfield Prowler, Waldingfield; 2, Vernon Somerset Mystic and Sandanona Marathon, Sandanona.

Thirteen Inch Bitches

Entered — 1, Liseter Charming; 2, Liseter Fashion; 3, Liseter Dawn, Liseter.

Brood — 1, Vernon Somerset Miranda, Treweryn; 2, Kerry Lady, Sir-Sister; 3, Ch. Liseter Joyful, Liseter.

Champion bitch — Liseter Charming.

Reserve — Liseter Fashion.

Brood (with 2 get) — 1, Ch. Liseter Joyful, Liseter.

Couples—1, Liseter Fashion and Liseter Charming; 2, Vernon Somerset Miranda and Vernon Somerset Bretta, Treweryn.

Fifteen Inch Bitches

Unentered — 1, Theron's Cornelia, Sir-Sister; 2, Vernon Somerset Spangle, Buckram.

Entered—1, Liseter Merryment, Liseter; 2, Buckram Deborah; 3, Sandanona Minuet, Buckram.

Brood — 1, Waldingfield Sandra, Waldingfield; 2, Vernon Somerset Mariane, Buckram; 3, Vernon Somerset Beverly, Sandanona.

Champion Bitch — Theron's Cornelia.

Reserve — Liseter Merryment.

Brood (with 2 get) — 1, Sandanona Mistake, Sandanona.

Couples — 1, Liseter Desire and Liseter Destiny, Liseter; 2, Buckram Deborah and Sandanona Minuet, Buckram; 3, Waldingfield Thrifty and Waldingfield Susie, Waldingfield.

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Beagle Classes

Unentered dogs, 13 inches—1. Waldingfield Postman, Waldingfield.

Entered dogs, 13 inches—1. Liseter Rulee, Liseter.

Stallion beagle, 13 inches—1. Liseter Flyer, Liseter; 2. Merry Lad, Liseter; 3. Tango, Waldingfield.

Stallion beagle, 13 inches, with two of his get—1. Merry Lad, Liseter; 2. Flyer, Liseter.

Unentered dogs, 15 inches—1. Theron's Casanova, Sir-Sister 2. Merrymaker, Sandanona; 3. Marathon, Sandanona.

Entered dogs, 15 inches—1. Merry Rex, Liseter; 2. Phrophet, Waldingfield; 3. Mystic, Sandanona.

Stallion beagle, 15 inches—1. Phophet, Waldingfield; 2. Puritan, Waldingfield; 3. Barrister, Buckram.

Stallion beagle, 15 inches, with two of his get—1. Puritan, Waldingfield.

Couple of dogs, 15 inches—1. Waldingfield Prophet, Waldingfield; 2. Vernon Somerset Mystic, Sandanona.

Entered bitches, 13 inches—1. Charming, Liseter; 2. Fashion, Liseter; 3. Dawn, Liseter.

Brood bitch, 17 inches—1. Vernon Somerset Miranda, Treweryn; 2. Kerry Lady, Sir-Sister; 3. Joyful, Liseter.

Brood bitch, 13 inches—1. Joyful, Liseter.

Couple of bitches, 13 inches—1. Fashion, Charming, Liseter; 2. Vernon Somerset Miranda, Vernon Somerset Bretta, Treweryn.

Unentered bitches, 15 inches—1. Theron's Cornelia, Sir-Sister; 2. Vernon Somerset Spangle, Buckram.

Entered bitches, 15 inches—1. Merryment, Liseter; 2. Deborah, Buckram; 3. Sandanona Minuet, Buckram.

Brood bitch, 15 inches—1. Sandra, Waldingfield; 2. Vernon Somerset Mariane, Buckram; 3. Vernon Somerset Beverly, Sandanona.

Brood bitch, 15 inches, with two of her get—1. Sandanona Mistake, Sandanona.

Couple of bitches, 15 inches—1. Desire, Destiny,

(Carl Klein Photos)

Treweryn Beagles, winners of the 3rd Vernon-Somerset Challenge Cup for the best 5-couple beagle pack. David B. Sharp, M.F.H. (left) and John Barnes Todd, whipper-in.

Beagles At Bryn Mawr

Treweryn Beagles Win Pack Class After 23 Years Spent In Accomplishing Mission

Sir-Sister Beagles' Theron's Cornelia, champion bitch (15") shown by M.F.H. Henri Prunaret.

Waldingfield Beagles' Postman, champion beagle dog hound, shown by L. J. Brown, kennel huntsman.

HUNTING

Bailey's Hunting Directory

New Issue of Hunter's Bible Includes U. S. Beagle Packs For First Time

Philip K. Crowe

If John Jorrocks were alive today and contemplating a hunting tour, the first thing he would do in preparation would be to shout to Binjamin to bring the Bailey's. Then, seating himself before the fire with a bumper of port at his elbow, he would cast his eyes joyfully over the refulgent pages of sporting statistics, and choose the lucky country whose hounds would be honored by the attendance of the Great Man himself.

Bailey's Hunting Directory was not published in Jorrock's day but it has been satisfying the world of hunting men for forty-seven years and has given them better service with each succeeding issue. The current copy, the 1952-53 edition, is a veritable bible of the chase. Details of 570 packs, including fox hounds, harriers, staghounds, draghounds, foot harriers, beagles, basset hounds and otterhounds in England, America and the rest of the world are carefully listed.

The roster of American beagle packs has been included for the first time which is especially pleasing to this correspondent as he was somewhat responsible for bringing this omission to the attention of the editor of Bailey's. Fifteen packs of the little hounds, one of bassets and one of harriers are recorded and Morgan Wing, Jr., secretary of the National Beagle Club, has written an interesting foreword for the beagle section.

The popularity of hunting is clearly reflected in the rise in the number of packs. Last year's total for the world was 547 and, even allowing for the increase of 17 due to the inclusion of the American beagle packs, there is a net gain for the period of 6 packs. Since taxes certainly are not getting any lower nor Uncle Joe less agressive, the gain can only be attributed to greater public interest in hunting.

The total of American fox hound packs rose by one to 103 but the trend has been downwards. Twenty years ago Bailey's listed 120 packs for the U. S. British packs on the other hand, despite the difficult war years, have increased and today total 241 as against 220 twenty years ago.

Hunting still flourishes in the subcontinent with three packs listed in India and one in Pakistan. It is good to note that the Ootacamund has again had a season free of losses from tiger and leopard, due doubtless to the vigilance of kennel huntsman Bapu Lall and whippers in Baboo and Lallchand.

Unfortunately the changes in the locations of battalions of the British army in Germany has resulted in the disbanding of the Leine Vale Harriers, and the Warman and 3rd Hussar foxhound packs.

Bailey's is published by Vinton and Co., Hutchinson House, Stratford Place, London W1 but can undoubtedly be purchased in this country through some of the beter known sporting book stories such as that of Sydney Smith of Canaan, N. Y.

The Beagle Dinner

Masters and Their Staffs Hold Annual Dinner At Racquet and Tennis Club

Philip K. Crowe

While Mr. Jorrocks was prone to scoff at 'are 'unters and considered them somewhat as yoemen of the sporting world from which the keen and deserving might someday rise to the "haristocracy" of fox hunting, the old boy was a great admirer of sporting lecturing. And I am sure that if he had peeked down from the scarlet cloud on which he and Artaxerxes are ambling through eternity, he would have cast a delighted eye on the twenty-second annual dinner of the Masters of Beagles Harriers and Bassets held on Friday, the 30th of January, at the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York.

Many of the speeches, particularly those of Tony Garvin and John Eyre, had real wit and humor, and others, notably that of Tommy Barker in memory of Dick Gambrill and the Vernon Somerset Beagles, were very moving eulogies. Four masters passed away during the past year and on the motion of Morgan Wing, secretary of the National Beagle Club, everyone rose to honor the memories of John Baker, Chetwood Smith, Horatio Ford and Dick. Great sportsmen and dear friends, they will be missed as long as beaglers gather together.

Encouraging for the future of the sport was the announcement that three new packs are now in the process of formation. Tony Garvin's Little Prospect Beagles were reported making devastating headway on the cat population of Pennsylvania. Tony hunts in that minute section of the state not reigned over by the master of the Terrible Treweryns and feels he is only tolerated because of his unorthodox choice of quarry. To stimulate interest he brings a dozen whips to the meets and lets everyone who wants, join the hunt staff. He is also considering a balloon ascension with hounds being dropped by parachute over less accessible country.

Carl Robinson has recently formed the Little Elk Beagles and hunts two days a week at the convenience of the whip—his wife. Another pack whose future depends greatly on the help of the fair sex is that of John Eyre, whose charming bride is helping him to get together some of "Barristers" puppies.

Of particular interest was the speech of Dean Bedford, former Master of the Pemberton Beagles of Maryland. He told of buying Eugene Reynal's pack many years ago and mentioned that the cup which Mr. Reynal put up in 1920 was won this year at the Aldie, Virginia Trials of National Beagle Club by Morgan Wing's Sandanona Beagles. Dean still has the Reynal stud books, a valuable source of pedigrees as many of today's packs are descended from hounds that Mr. Reynal imported from England.

Morgan Wing read two letters from abroad. Major T. Reynolds, the Master of a pack hunted by the British occupation forces in Germany, wrote that his pack will have to be disbanded and wished to know if there would be any chance of disposing of hounds in this country as the six months' quarantine necessary to bring them back to England would be impractical. He has about twenty couple of hounds and anyone interested should write Morgan at Millbrook, N. Y. for fruther details.

The Secretary of the Irish Masters of Beagles Association wrote Ann Wing that he was proposing her husband an honorary member and added that he has never forgotten the farmer who greeted Ann—clad in dungarees—as "hello boy". Ann remarked later that he must have thought her rather a "fruity character".

Final speaker of the evening was Joe Child, Master of the Waldingfield Beagles who always makes an excellent talk on the little hounds. Bayard Tuckerman, ex-Master of Fox Hounds and Beagles, came down from Boston with Joe but at the last minute could not attend the dinner due to illness.

Through the efforts of Morgan Wing and a committee of fox hound Masters, a joint dancing meet was held at Pierre's following the dinners, and thoroughly enjoyed by all into the small hours. A vast improvement on the former struggles at La Rue, it is hoped that the dance will become a permanent feature of the hound dinners.

The following is a list of the packs represented:

Bethel Lake Beagles: Thomas Grier; Buchram Beagles: J. W. Glenn, Dr. Joseph Conolly, Jr., John L. Eyre, J. Christy Bell, Henry Thompson III, Owen Frisbie, Frederick Willits; Kingsland Beagles: Philip Crowe; Little Elk Beagles: Carl Robinson; Pemberton Beagles: Dean Bedford; Sandanona Beagles: Morgan Wing, Jr., Reese E. Howard; Sir-Sister Beagles: Henri Prunaret, Edward Dane; Tantivy Beagles: Bennett Perry; Tewksbury Bassets: James S. Jones, Halburton Fales; Timber Ridge Bassets: Charles Rooers, Victor Weybright, Clifton Emich, Preston Kelly; Treweryn Beagles: A. William Battin, Lester R. Hundt, Jr., John Todd, Arthur Hanna, Richard Thompson: Vernon-Somerset Beagles: Thompson Barker, Louis Starr: Waldingfield Beagles: Josiah H. Child, Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.

Tewksbury Foot Bassets

Recently Organized Subscription Pack Holds Puppy Show At Oldwick, N. J.

Morgan Wing, Jr. 1954

The Tewksbury Foot Bassets, Peapack, New Jersey, recently organized as a subscription pack with Joint-Masters Halburton Fales II and James S. Jones, held a Puppy Show on May 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Gibb near Oldwick which is in the center of the country which will be hunted.

The event was well attended by over one hundred friends and subscribers of the Tewksbury Bassets. The weather was bright and cool and could not have been more suitable to the enthusiasts as they gathered at 3:30 p. m. about the attractive ring arranged under a pine tree. There were a number of chairs available and not far away the Hunt Committee had graciously and thoughtfully set up a refreshment stand. The nearby red barns were decorated with some flags and in the barn was a stand-by ring surrounded by bales of hay in tiers as bleachers, should inclement weather force the show, in spite of the hardiness of the "basseters", into drier quarters.

The judges were Morgan Wing, Jr., Master of the Sandanona Beagles, Millbrook, New York and William Chadwell, huntsman to the Essex Fox Hounds, Far Hills, New Jersey. The ring steward was Robert P. Gibb who six to seven years ago maintained an 8-couple pack of bassets at Warrenton, Virginia, named the MacNamara Hounds.

The classes were well filled, the first limited to puppies owned or bred by the Tewksbury Bassets. The puppies were all shown by children who have been followers of the hunt. Before this class, Mr. Wing announced to those assembled about the ring and to the children in the ring with their bassets that he thought it would be interesting to all to know what the judge was looking for in a basset. Mr. Wing then described in detail the standard as established by the Basset Hound Club of America and accepted by the American Kennel Club. The points of a basset were discussed with one basset in the center of the ring as a model.

Some good questions were asked such as what is a haw—"the eyes should be deeply sunken, showing a prominent 'haw'"—The judge replied that the word "haw" means the red membrane inside the lower lid, and proceeded to show same on the basset, a characteristic which is perhaps what most people associate with the bloodhound. As the judge and his wife had been most royally entertained the afternoon and evening before, plus Sunday lunch at the home of Louis Starr, Chairman of the Hunt Committee, he was rather concerned that "his eye" might be described as above—so he quickly continued to the neck and shoulder. "The neck should be powerful with heavy dewlaps set on sloping shoulders"—Answering a question on the "dewlap" as—"folds under the neck"—he began to feel that this whole thing was beginning to get very personal.

Classes 2 and 3 for dog hounds and bitches respectively were for entered hounds open to all. A number of basset owners brought their hounds from distant points to support the show.

The proceedings were concluded with an exhibition of the pack by Masters Fales and Jones who should be most encouraged by the enthusiastic community response to this initial effort of the Tewksbury Foot Bassets. The country hunted will generally be the same as hunted by the Vernon Somerset Beagles which pack was disbanded in their forty-first season on the death of their Master, Richard V. N. Gambrill, last December.

Since 1898, the sport of hare hunting with beagles has been carried on in the Somerset Hills country of New Jersey. George B. Post's Somerset Beagles were founded in that year and hunted this country until 1912 when they were succeeded by the Vernon Somerset Beagles. E. W. Claucas' Whiteoakes Beagles and John Cowperthwaite's Readington Foot Beagles also hunted the country and in the Neshanic area for many years. It is certainly fine to see that hare hunting will continue through the Tewksbury Foot Bassets.

The Hunt Committee consists of many closely associated with the beagles such as Louis Starr, chairman, and Hovy C. Clark who were whippers-in to the Vernon Somerset Beagles, John Cowperthwaite, ex-Master of the Readington Foot Beagles, William Turnbull, whipper-in to Readington Foot Beagles, Mrs. James J. Casey, daughter of the late Mr. Gambrill, Mrs. R. L. Trimpi who for many years has hunted her pack, the Nantucket Harriers, on Nantucket Island. William V. Griffin, Mrs. Malcolm S. Forbes, Charles B. P. Van Pelt, Mrs. Robert P. Gibb, Mrs. Lester W. Perren, Mrs. H. N. Sater, R. D. Mellick, Jr., and Percy Chubb.

SUMMARIES

Unentered hounds—1. Paragon, shown by Carol Hoffman; 2. Preston, shown by Apple Parish; Res. Casey, shown by Fay Starr.

Entered dog hounds—1. Rodney, owned by Wendell Cram; Res. Entry, owned by Stephen P. Zardus.

Entered bitches—1. Clarabell, owned by E. M. Williamson; Res. Lorelei, owned by William Ball.

Best in show—Rodney.

Prizes were awarded to the three children who showed the winning puppies and to the owners of Best Dog, Best Bitch and Best in Show. Prizes includede bronze bassets sculptured by Miss Clare Russell.

Friday, May 7, 1954

Tewksbury Bassets Make Trip to Millbrook and Show Field Good Sport

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Reference is made to the March 19th issue of The Chronicle and to an article, page 25, entitled "Tewksbury Foot Bassets Give Excellent Sport to Enthusiastic Followers," by James S. Jones. Mr. Jones gives a brief description of several hunts in January and February and states good sport had been enjoyed but "we're hoping for the run of the season." In the same article he also mentions "we're looking forward to March 13 when Morgan Wing has invited us to meet at Thorndale, Millbrook, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in the country of his Sandanona Beagles."

On March 13th at 2:40 p. m. the Tewksbury Joint-Master skidded into the driveway in front of the Sandanona kennel coming to an abrupt stop with eight couples of bassets and Mrs. Jones traveling slightly forward. The hounds were immediately taken out of the station wagon and paraded back and forth before a yard, from which five couples of beagle puppies looked on with great interest. It is most difficult to translate their curious expressions but as they looked over each others bodies and legs, they no doubt were praying that their adult life would not be in the form of that which they saw before them.

The day proved to be a good hunting day as far as scent is concerned but we had started the morning with sleet and rain which fortunately stopped as the basset caravan approached the kennel. By five minutes before the scheduled 3:00 p. m. meet and with a Field of about 30 prepared to face the elements, the Master Huntsman was becoming more and more nervous, something like a race horse on the way to the post. The Sandanona Master recommended calmness; that the country to be hunted should produce a hare in short order; that his most important chairman of the Tewksbury Hunt Committee, Louis Starr and his wife, had not as yet arrived. At 3:01 Jones had such a "going to post jig" as he trotted the bassets about that it was obviously impossible to hold him any longer. I therefore immediately gave a short welcoming speech and at the closing words "It is all yours" a horn resounded with a sharp "Moving Off" and Jones was in the first field making his cast.

Millbrook is fortunate to have the European hare which has been native to our countryside since 1890 when introduced here by the late Mr. Alfred C. Dietrich. Weighing 10 to 12 pounds this hare will give a magnificent run for beagle or basset pack. Our first hare was jumped at 3:20 p. m. and pursued to 4:15 p. m. From then on to six o'clock, a hare or hares were hunted continuously. The bassets with their wonderful deep voices worked hard, close, and well.

Kent Leavitt, well known soil conservationist, whose Fraleigh Hill Farm is the site of his wife Molly's cheese factory, home of the famous Poona Cheese, has two bassets which he and his daughter, Adele, hope will be the founders of a new small pack, the Poona Bassets. Poona Jet an 8-month-old bitch hunted all afternoon with the Tewksbury and performed in a most capable manner.

As darkness fell Jimmie Jones and his bassets were still working a line that I thought rather cold at that point. Tactfully, I stated that we were approximately two miles from the kennel; that we had to feed hounds; that my wife, Anne, and I were trying to give a tea for the visitors; and Kent Leavitt was hopeful we would show up for his dinner before midnight. Most all the Field had disappeared except a few stalwarts, Louis Starr, Jack Hall, whipper-in, Mrs. Henry Gammack and Albert Callan, Jr. who came down from Old Chatham, N. Y., where I am pleased to report a new beagle pack is in the making from a draft of the Kingsland Beagles, Easton, Md. Your scribe was also present, of course, endeavoring to keep Poona Jet up with the pack on the long walk back to the kennels. Her master Kent Leavitt had spent all afternoon at his lovely house supervising the arrangements of the dinner to which we finally got later in the evening. Molly and Adele, whose presence was greatly missed, were in Nassau.

Kent gave us all a great party. As we departed at midnight from the hospitality of our host, we could not but say it was the end of a perfect day. The bassets had given us an afternoon of top sport. For three hours we had struggled up and down the Thorndale hills trying to stay with their good driving runs, the only trouble experienced was considerable checks on the plow which was quite frozen. I did not offer help with a beagle. Reference is made to my article "Beagle Trials" page 21 in the April 2 issue of The Chronicle.

The Tewksbury showed the Millbrook Field good sport and I believe Jimmie Jones will say he had had the run of the season. Also my hat off to an excellent huntsman.

Beagle Trials

Beagle Clubs Well Represented at Bay State Beagle Club Annual Pack Trials

Jane E. Dane

When I received the above fulsome heading, with a request that I write same up for **Hounds & Hunting** from David McCarthy, Secretary to the Bay State Beagle Club, Inc., I had a sort of feeling. (a) I had to do it (b) the trials would be fun; and (c) why am I such a yes girl?

The trials are but history now. They were fun. The silverware was pretty evenly divided. The weather was terrible; the conglomerate of people, not terrible. There were new friendships made and solid friendships rejuvenated.

In fact, in spite of the H bomb and the Communist threat and a lot of other tiresome details, for beaglers it remains a great, wide, wonderful world.

The Snowdens arrived chez "Roughwood" on Thursday night. Richard Aherne was temporarily lost, but returned from Hollywood in time to join the Sir-Sister group plus Pat Walker—she, Pat, is a Government worker in Washington.

Dick Harwood had made all arrangements, so naturally every little thing, including his bed turned down, arranged itself.

By Friday evening, the Treweryn group, David Sharp, Master, Whips, Wes Frazier and John Todd, kenneled hounds early on, as did Sandanona Joint Masters, Ann and Morgan Wing. Leslie Brown, huntsman of the Waldingfield, had done a grand job of assigning hounds to kennels as packs appeared.

Friday night the Taunton Inn was teeming with the Merry Beaglers. The two judges, Don Rowan and Stanley Hixon, joined at dinner the packs already there.

This is my last remark about weather. Friday night there was a thunderstorm to waken the dead. Saturday there was a wind to lean against. Sunday it was cold.

On Saturday morning the eight 2-couple 13-inch hounds went down. Mr. Bosie's hounds of the Hi Yo Kennels were first. These four hounds had never hunted together before, but as they are all of field trial experience, they should and do hunt a rabbit to perfection. Second was Sister Grew's Noanet pack from Dover. Between fox hunting and race meetings, and sons at home, Sister still has time for her beagles. She is quite a versatile girl. The Sir-Sister was third. I can't remember a thing about this hunt, except we beat Treweryn for fourth and Waldingfield for reserve.

Lunch next, a good Irish stew, prepared by the McBurnies.

Twelve 15-inch packs went down. I wasn't going to mention it, but the wind was still at force 8. Waldingfield II won. Treweryn was second, Sir-Sister, with myself hunting the Red Devils, third, and Waldingfield I fourth, Sandanona reserve. The Waldingfield was later presented with the Sir Sister Cup, for the pack that had the highest score during the trials.

Among the twelve packs, were the Green Hat Boys. They were well equipped with four hounds, four brooms, four green silk toppers, and more than tea under their belts. If their method of beating the bushes for game was a little unusual, it was certainly entertaining. They added a lot of fun and color to our sporting group.

The Sir-Sister and the Waldingfield gave a combined cocktail party in the Pavillion. Mildred Prunaret and Pat Walker had done a grand job with crepe paper in the Sir-Sister and Waldingfield colors to decorate the big room. The party was very noisy, very gay and went on for hours. A howling success!

Many of the Bay State celebrities were present, including David McCarthy, secretary; James McBurnie, Financial Secretary, Francis Callahan, Treasurer, Frank Astin, Field Marshall, Lew Spencer, Game Manager, and others, without whose hard work there couldn't be a trial, were there.

Morgan Wing presented a book by Gordon Grand to Jo Child because it embodied this poem which seemed appropriate to all such sportsmen as our Jo:—

LIFT YOUR AIM

We shot our arrows toward the sun,
Beside the castle wall,
His arrow was the highest one,
The highest one of all.
Another archer said, "You win."
He answered, "No, I but begin;
No archer wins, or ever will;
He goes on aiming higher still."

We never win, we only make
A mark more near the skies.
Keep shooting for the shooting's sake
Not just to win the prize.
The thing today we call the best
Tomorrow is tomorrow's test:
We never win, we merely find
Another mark to leave behind.

This makes us archers, makes us men,
And this is all that will;

To shoot, and then to aim again
A little higher still.
However high your arrow went,
Be not with one success content:
Still higher look! Look not below:
But lift your aim, and bend the bow!

Colonel Mansfield read out the awards and won a kiss from most of the ladies in the room.

Again, we all dined at the Taunton Inn and danced away the hours until a late bedtime became a necessity.

Sunday morning came far too early, particularly for Richard Aherne who was unable to make the grade, but was rescued by Pat Greer later in the morning.

The Robinsons' Little Elk pack started off the 4-couple class. There were seven of these and on the whole the hunting was not as good as on Saturday due to poor scenting conditions. I must say that throughout the trials game was very plentiful and the running grounds in grand condition. Treweryn won the Sandanona Plate for the second year, pursued by Waldingfield II, second, Sir-Sister again third, Sandanona, fourth, and Waldingfield I, reserve.

After lunch, there was a Bench Show and the judging for the Eugene Fisher Memorial Bowl. This trophy went to the Treweryn 15" Pack, with a combined score of 155.

In the Bench Show, the hounds placed in the 13-inch class as follows:

1. Sandanona Blotter; 2. Waldingfield Postman; 3. Treweryn's Vernon Somerset Bretta; 4. Sandanona's Vernon Somerset Bunting.

In the 15-inch Dog or Bitch class, they were: 1. Sandanona's Vernon Somerset Melody; 2. Sir-Sister Bachelor; 3. Sandanona's Vernon Somerset Marie; 4. Sir-Sister Monica.

After the Bench Show, the remaining two 4-couples were run off and the trials were virtually over.

Some of the things I remember that made this a memorable week were:—

The Almy Family turning up for lunch, Sivvy looking very pretty and William distinguished in his Great Grandfather's sable-lined coat. They came to watch "Mouse" whip in to Waldingfield, the other young whip, Barrie Whittall, had escaped, ... Eddie Child managing his extremely difficult pony, . . . Stan Hixon asking Bun Sharp what hair tonic he recommended! . . . . The pack showing the greatest improvement in manners and way of going was voted the Sir-Sister.

I am sorry it is all over. I am sure we all had a wonderful time, and it can all happen again.

SUMMARIES

13" two couple, 8 packs competing—1. Hi Yo Beagles; 2. Noanet Beagles; 3. Sir-Sister; 4. Treweryn; Res.: Waldingfield.

15" two couple, 12 packs competing—1. Waldingfield II; 2. Treweryn; 3. Sir-Sister; 4. Waldingfield I; Res.: Sandanona.

4 couple (Sandanona Plate), 7 packs competing—1. Treweryn; 2. Waldingfield II; 3. Sir-Sister; 4. Sandanona; Res.: Waldingfield I.

Eugene Fisher Memorial Bowl — Treweryn 15" Two Couple.

Sir-Sister Cup — Waldingfield II 15" Pack.

(Reynolds Photo)

Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and huntsman of the Sandanona Beagles puts his four couple on the line.

Beagle Trials

A Trip to the Annual Jack Rabbit Trials Of the Sportsmen's Beagle Club

Morgan Wing, Jr.

On Friday afternoon Feb. 10th Anne Wing, Morgan Wing, Jr., Joint-Masters and Sally Makiver, whipper-in, started forth from Millbrook with four couple of Sandanona Beagles to attend the annual Sportsmen's Beagle Club jack rabbit trial on invitation of Mr. Joseph H. Baldwin, Milltown, near West Chester, Pa.

The first leg of our journey was run in as direct a line as possible to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jones, Gladstone, N. J., Joint-Master with Haliburton Pales II of the Tewksbury Bassets. Arriving promptly at 7:00 P. M. (no comments from readers who know us), our beagles were well taken care of in the Jones' kennel though some of the beagles were most confused at the sight of the long low slung, crooked legged occupants. Shortly we were sitting in the living room enjoying some "high" tea followed by a delicious dinner prepared by Betty Jones, among other accomplishments, custodian of the Tewksbury jack rabbit department. Patrick Jones produced a large net which had been used by him and his mother on some exciting chases in the cellar without the aid of bassets prior to a Tewksbury hunt. We had also been joined by Charles Von Pett, secretary of Tewksbury, and his attractive wife.

Conversation eventually turned to hounds (bassets are most definitely included in this category) and a description of the Tewksbury hunt, January 31st following the Masters of Beagles dinner in New York City on the 29th. The hunt was attended by Charles Rogers, Master of Timber Ridge Bassets; Victor Weyhight, secretary; other dignitaries and members of the Field. The weather was extremely cold, two jacks were found almost immediately—sworn statement to the effect that they were not connected with Betty Jane's cellar—I was told that two bassets performed a most miraculous trailing feat over plow. In fact the Tewksbury master stated, "It is doubtful whether a beagle under such conditions would have been able to stick to the line." I immediately became intensely alive as though I had been administered with a double shot of something power packed. My retort was that I had several hounds who had trailed a hare along an icy state road which was passed a few minutes before their arrival at least, and I repeat, at least a dozen automobiles, one of which had recently passed over the body of a skunk— and so on into the night.

The evening broke up, however, on most amicable terms with a week-end planned in Millbrook, March 13 and 14, the Tewksbury to hunt Thorndale from our kennels on Saturday the 13th at 3:00 P. M. I assure everyone their prowess will be closely scrutinized and we have some long stretches of plow which we trust will be well frozen though I fear at that time of the year we will be on the way to thaw.

At 6:00 A. M. the next morning we were away to the farm of Joseph Baldwin where we arrived promptly at 9:00 A. M. to submit our pack entries. There were eight 13-inch two couple entries and four 15 inch two couple entries. Following the draw for order of running, the packs were auctioned off and I rushed the purchase of my number two 15 inch pack, a purchase which proved quite profitable as they were the eventual winners.

The pack entries were mostly made up by members of the Sportsmen's Beagle Club who put together their individually owned hounds into two couple packs, in other words mixed ownership was permitted. The registered National Beagle Club pack competitors were Treweryn Beagles, Berwyn, Pa., David B. Sharp, Jr. Master; Little Prospect Beagles, Jarrettown, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. Garvan, Joint-Masters; and the Sandonona. It was most encouraging to see Tony Garvan turn out for the trial in his first year as a registered pack. It is so hoped by all that he will compete at the Nationals next fall and give us all the stimulus of another new pack as a competitor. Last year the Whitford Beagles from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, made their first appearance at these traditional trials. In November 1954, the 65th Annual Field Trials will be run. No other field trial club in the United States whether hounds or bird dogs can equal this record.

Following the draw and auction of the packs we departed for the site of the trials on the nearby farm of Marshall B. Jones at Westown. The quarry for the trials were jack rabbits which had been flown from Wyoming. They had not been in their crates much over 20 hours and when released, only a few minutes before hounds were laid on the line, big strong devils they were, lit out with such speed and stamina that all packs had good runs never coming close to their quarry. The extremely cold weather with some wind made scenting conditions very spotty causing the packs to work their jacks slowly with considerable care. There were few straight away drives. I do not think the foot enthusiasts and there were about 100 spectators could have followed the twelve packs all day if conditions had been the same as Sunday, the next day when the weather was a bit warmer and scent rather good.

Among those who came down to support the effort of the Treweryn pack were: A. William Batton; West Frazier; James Lamb, Jr., and his wife Eleanor; Justice Williams; Howard and Cintra Fair; John Todd; and Betsy Bolling who appeared very smart in her new Treweryn green coat and colors.

To keep the program moving for both 13 inch and 15 inch pack owners, first a 13 inch pack would be run and then a 15 inch pack. This plan to alternate the running of the packs is a very good idea, I feel. The judges were mounted on good horses and were well up behind the packs and had no difficulty whatsoever observing the performance of the hounds particularly at the all important check points.

The results at the end of a long day were:

13 inch packs—1. Chatwood and Beechbrook pack hunted by Tony Sume; 2. Treweryn Beagles hunted by David "Bun" Sharp; 3. Garden State pack. Incidentally Chatwood was a winner at the fall trial of the club last October.

15 inch packs—1. Sandanona Beagles, hunted by Morgan Wing, Jr.; 2. Treweryn Beagles; 3. Little Prospect Beagles, hunted by Tony Garvan.

Saturday night, we spent with Howard and Cintra Fair at their Fox Hill Farm, Kennett Square. A most delightful evening and our hounds comfortably kenneled in one of their fine box stalls. Sunday morning we again reported to headquarters at the Baldwin farm where hounds were entered in both the 13 inch and 15 inch individual combined pack stakes. There were 24 13 inch entries and 26, 15 inch entries. The judges were well mounted on hunters and consisted liberated. It was good to see this fine display of sportsmanship to save a good running jack that had given us so much sport.

At noon each day we all returned to Joseph Baldwin's farm where hot coffee and sandwiches, etc. were available. I wish to congratulate the officers and members of the Sportsmen's Beagle Club on the fine sport shown and the excellent and smooth manner in which the trial was conducted. I trust that the secretary, Al Weitz, West Chester, Pa., and Joseph H. Baldwin will send all the registered beagle packs invitations to participate in the trial next year. We had fine hosts and a good trial. The Sandanona enjoyed a real sporting week end and hope that it will meet many more competitors in the two couple stakes on the field of battle in 1955.

An Ancient Sport

Hare and Hounds

The hounds are anxious to start the hunt and pour out of their private trailer like small boys leaving the schoolhouse at term's end.

BY BLANCHE DAY

IF YOU should be driving through Chester county some bleak Sunday afternoon you may come upon 100 or more assorted humans streaming across fields in haste. They are the Treweryn Beaglers out for an afternoon's sport.

If you look more closely you will note they are following in the wake of a pack of short-legged, long-eared hounds who are traveling rapidly across the countryside with their noses to the ground, yipping as they go.

Further observation will reveal that the hounds are in charge of half a dozen long-legged, green-coated, velvet-capped men who keep close to the heels of the pack. If you are lucky, you might even view their quarry—a high-bouncing Western hare.

Founded 30 years ago by the late Newbold Ely, the Treweryn Beagle Pack was bought and established in Chester county by David B. Sharp, Jr., in 1929. Supported by membership dues, it has more than 200 members, is the largest of the 15 beagling hunts in the U. S.

Beagling is much like fox-hunting. Personnel in both sports includes a master, whippers-in, and a pack of pure-bred hounds trained to respond to the master's horn. In both, one shouts "tally-ho" when viewing the quarry.

But there is one big difference. You generally hunt fox on horseback. You hunt hare on foot. Fox-hunting tests the horse's stamina. Beagling tests *your* stamina. If new at the sport, you will probably go home swearing to stop smoking and get in condition for

Hounds are foiled! That hare just plain disappeared into thin air.

The hounds have an advantage over this whipper-in who must hurdle.

next time, or maybe just swearing.

The Greeks started it all. Back in 400 B. C., Xenophon wrote that hunting the hare with beagles was a well-organized sport. Though mentioned in early French history, it was never really a Latin-type pastime. Not until William the Conqueror imported it to England did beagling come into its own.

King Arthur was a beagling fan and by the first Elizabeth's time, almost every country squire in England kept a pack of beagles. Neither socialism nor austerity has dimmed its popularity. At last count there were more than 80 beagle packs in the British Isles—proof of the Englishman's continuing passion for making himself happy and uncomfortable.

Beagling season is from October through March. Most hunt days are either cold and windy, cold and rainy, or cold with snow. These alternate with occasional balmy days when the frozen ground melts to the consistency of cottage cheese.

None of this bothers eager-beaglers. Neither rain, sleet nor knee-deep mud hinders them from completing their appointed chase. Crashing through briars, sliding down embankments, sloshing through marshes, broad-jumping streams and high-jumping fences, they will cover 10 to 15 miles during an afternoon's sport.

Not every minute, however, is spent at a gallop. While hounds are "casting" (seeking a scent) or "checked" (lost a scent), the hunt slows to an amble. This gives a beagler the opportunity to catch his breath and get chilled to the marrow.

Hounds may lose the scent a dozen times during a hunt, for the hare is wily quarry. The Chester county hares, years ago imported from Kansas, are not to be confused with native cottontails. Cottontails will circle after a brief run, and pop into the first underground refuge they come to. Hares make a straight run of several miles' before circling and, since they live and nest above ground, never take the craven way out by ducking down a hole.

Much faster than a beagle for a short distance, the hare gets out of sight of the pack in a few seconds. From then on hounds are dependent on their noses. The hare has numerous devices to foil them. It may double back on its tracks. Or it may take a giant leap sideways and go off at a right angle. Or if tired, it may leap several yards off its course and squat.

A squatting hare gives off no scent. Hounds can pass within a few feet of it without catching a whiff. Sometimes the hare takes to a hard-topped road where scent is almost non-existent, or mingles with a flock of sheep where odors confuse hounds.

The most curious trick is the relay, when a fresh hare takes the place of the hunted hare, bouncing off in a fast sprint that leaves the beagles far behind, with tongues lolling and morale hitting bottom.

In theory, the end result of a hunt is the death of the hare. But the Treweryn Beaglers make not more than two or three kills a season, calling off hounds whenever possible. This solicitude is not based on humanitarian motives. It is costly to stock a countryside with hares—besides, a hare who lives to run away gives better sport another day.

When a kill is made, the hare's head ("pate" in beagling circles) is presented to that member of the hunt deemed to be the best beagler of the day. The paws ("pads") serve as runner-up prizes. Mounted pates look very handsome on a library wall. Pads may be fashioned into handles for letter-openers, corkscrews, or bottle openers. Or dangled from a watch chain like a Phi Beta Kappa key.

Several unwritten laws must be mastered by a novice beagler before he hopes to earn a pate or pad. A beagler who crosses the line of the hunted hare, thus confusing the scent, will get a sharp rebuke from the master. An overzealous member who shouts "tally-ho" on viewing a new hare when the pack is intent on working out the line of the hunted hare, will receive dark looks from the whippers-in. And a blunderer who overruns the pack when it is working out a line may well be drummed out of the corps.

A further piece of beagling etiquette is offered by J. Otho Paget, English Master of Beagle Hounds. In his book, *The Art of Beagling*, he sternly admonishes, "In hunting, whether it be of fox or hare, every follower should identify himself with the hounds' aims and give his entire sympathy to them. If he allows himself to sympathize with the hare, his pleasure in the chase will be neutralized and he might as well go home at once."

Beagles haven't picked up a scent yet but not for lack of trying.

As the vanguard struggles to keep up with hounds the rear guard is left far, far behind.

David Sharp, Jr., Master of Beagle Hounds, with his staff, leads pack off to the hunt.

HIS BUNNY HUG WAS GENTLE . . . Mr. Pup, 8-month-old beagle, showed he's a good "rabbit dog" by bringing to his master two 3-week-old trophies of the chase at Utica, N. Y. The dog carried both bunnies in his mouth. Only injury was a slight cut on one bunny. Now Mr. Pup has two bunnies to protect.

Wirephoto from AP.

Animal Alley

Beware The Dog!

This fierce hound has Prince Emil, the Flemish Giant, running around in circles

The "bunny" on these pages is Prince Emil, a mere 16 pounds of fluff. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bauser, of Northport, N. Y., raised him, along with dozens of other prize Flemish Giant rabbits. The beagle pup belongs to the farm next door. He's too young to have any name at all, but not too young to know his profession: chasing rabbits.

Prince Emil was not born to the chase; his only goal in life is to provide fur for little girls' mittens. But he does his very best to oblige the lively pup, and the result is the rather leisurely pursuit which starts below and circles around to the right. Somehow, Prince Emil doesn't seem very alarmed, even in photo No. 3. —NIMROD JONES

Walter Chandoha Photos

1 "So you're a rabbit? Well, let's get hopping"

2 "He's off! But don't worry, I'll catch him"

5 "Some merry-go-round! Right back where we started"

4 "He's a slippery son of a gun. I'll get him yet"

3 "Got him! No, it's just a mouthful of fluff"

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Beagling as A School Activity

Josiah Child

Editor's Note: The following from Jo Child, Waldingfield co-master, was part of a talk to a group of boys at the Portsmouth Priory in Rhode Island last winter. Previously, Father Hilary had approached Mr. Child expressing an interest in starting a school pack. Beagling has not caught on in America as a school sport as it has in England, possibly because packs do not afford as spectacular sport on cottontails as on hare.

The Wing Ridge Beagles, hunted by Ernest Peutrell at Eagle Brook School, Deerfield, Massachusetts, during the seasons of 1927 and '28, had 50 to 100 boys following, including three sons of the master, L. G. Blunt, who were enrolled. As mentioned by Mr. Child, students at St. Peter's hunted near Peekskill, New York, had good-sized fields on weekends. Foxcroft School for Girls, near Middleburg, Virginia, just a short distance from the field trial grounds of the National Beagle Club is where Mr. Gambrill's daughter, Ann, and Bayard Tuckerman's daughter, Phyllis, used to hunt a pack made up of Vernon Somerset and Wolver hounds.

The American Spaniel Club bulletin mentions that Prof. Dr. J. Richard Jones started the Moravian College Cocker Spaniel Field Trial Club, an accredited college activity in which students care for and train cockers for hunting and field trials. It is too bad that beaglers should let cockers steal a march in serving as a school activity, for they are a breed that has far less possibilities for providing sport and exercise than the beagle.

There have been and are still many school packs of beagles, both in this country and in England. In England today, there are nine packs owned by academies of learning. The Eton College Beagles, have been hunted since 1858. The Christ Church Pack at Oxford has been established since 1852. This pack was joined with the New College Pack and the Magdalen Pack in 1950. Since 1862, the Trinity Foot Beagles have been hunted regularly at Cambridge, and the Ampleforth College Pack has been in existence since 1915. Father Graham can tell you more about this pack than I can, but the following quotation, extracted from an article by J. Ivester Lloyd, which appeared in *Country Sportsman* in November, 1950, and reprinted in a book called *Harehunters All*, published last year, states:

"This is one school pack which employs a professional huntsman who is also responsible for kennel management and breeding: Jack Welch has been with them for many seasons. Master, field master and whippers-in are all appointed from members of the school. These constitute the Hunt committee, together with one boy appointed from each of the eight school houses; one of the school staff (Rev. C. W. Maxwell Stuart) acts as secretary.

"It has always been the opinion at Ampleforth that the boys learn more, and gain better experience, by whipping-in to a professional than by appointing one of their number to hunt hounds himself. It is also thought that this system results in better sport. However, in the Christmas holidays of 1949, Mr. M. Lowsley-Williams hunted a small pack very successfully and showed good sport, an event which has led to discussions on whether one of the boys should hunt hounds regularly."

The Downside School Beagles in England were activated in 1945. The maintenance of both kennels and hounds is entirely in the hands of the boys. The master, Paul Prickett, 1950-51 in a history of the pack writes:

"The Master of Hounds, appointed by the headmaster, arranges his own hunt and kennel staff, though — for the sake of continuity and to cover the holiday periods — the secretaryship is undertaken by Father O'Hara. No kennelman is employed. In term time hounds are taken out for a quarter of an hour in the morning while the kennels are being cleaned and the puppies fed, they are exercised for an hour in the afternoon while their food is being prepared, and they are taken out for a short time again after supper. The local farmers have shown themselves to be very friendly and obliging in notifying and preventing any casualties.

"The activities of the pack naturally have to be fitted in with other sports and games or more important duties in the school, but hounds are hunted on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, with an occasional all day hunt when the school has a whole holiday. Although not yet able to claim any remarkable achievements, they have shown some very good sport and in the 5½ seasons that they have been hunting have accounted for 8½ brace of hare and fox. Moreover, one advantage of starting in such a small way has been that the steady all-round improvement in the pack is a never-failing source of pleasure and encouragement. While membership of the Hunt is not limited to the school and outsiders are always welcome at meets, there can be no doubt that the main purpose of the venture — the providing of a very healthy occupation and recreation for those boys who are interested in animals and country life — has already been achieved."

There have been some school packs in this country, the most successful of which was at the Foxcroft School in Virginia. Another successful pack was organized at St. Peter's School, Peekskill, New York, and was hunted there for three years. This year a pack has been established at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg.

There are 14 registered packs of beagles in this country today. Three of these are subscription packs, supported by many subscribers. Only two packs are in New England. For information on all packs, I refer you to the Roster of Beagle Packs (1952) as published by the *Middleburg Chronicle* (Va.) in their issue of December 5, 1952.

Since the war, the number of packs in this country has decreased. On the other hand, the number has increased considerably in England and Ireland, where there are now 87 registered packs that hunt the hare. These include seven service packs, kept and hunted by military organizations, and nine packs kept and hunted by academies of learning. Fourteen of these packs are in Ireland. The enthusiasm for beagling is enormous. There is an average of about one hundred followers of each pack, which represents about nine thousand people who take an active part in the sport. At an opening meet of a newly formed pack, five hundred people showed up.

To start a pack get a draft of hounds from an established pack. Packs are constantly getting rid of hounds in order to keep their pack up to scratch. Get the trimmings from the back rather than the front or the sides. Hounds that are too slow will be better hounds than the fast runners. At the same time, get some unentered puppies. Then, as soon as possible, start breeding your own hounds. It is only by breeding and raising your own hounds that you can create a good pack. Remember that no one ever sells or gives away his best hounds.

It will take the equivalent of at least half the time of one man to feed and care for the hounds. The more attention they are given, the better hounds they will be. If possible, hounds should be walked out daily by their huntsman. All the work could be done by the boys. The pack could be run by a Hunt Committee, consisting of boys and masters. This committee could appoint the hunt staff each year, consisting of a master (a boy) or joint masters and whips. The master would carry the horn.

You will probably hunt the cottontail rabbit for the most part. The beautiful stone walls I see around here will, unfortunately, be somewhat of an impediment to your hunting as they will supply many holes for rabbits to duck into when they are pressed. Contrary to the popular belief, the cottontail does not make his own hole. He uses burrows made by the woodchuck. Woodchucks and rabbits apparently live together in harmony. The rabbit lives above ground most of the time. They have their young in nests in the open. The rabbit is a prey to many animals — snakes, hawks, foxes and other predatory animals. Fortunately for the hunters they reproduce very rapidly. They can have young at the age of six weeks. It is said that a pair of cottontails, mated in April, could be the progenitors of 75 rabbits in November. This accounts for the fact that rabbits are sometimes very scarce one year and plentiful the next.

It is possible that you could liberate Kansas jacks. They do very well if protected from the gunners, but again, the stone walls would hinder their running and unless there are many gaps, the jacks might be killed very easily. The most satisfactory game to hunt with a pack of beagles is the European Hare. These exist in and about Millbrook, N. Y., where they were liberated many years ago. They are also found in many parts of Canada. They can be trapped there and imported. A Federal permit can be secured in order to import them.

As far as I know trapping and importation of the European Hares from Canada has not been attempted by anyone, but I see no reason why it could not be successfully accomplished. Around here and to the north, throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, the snowshoe rabbit or varying hare is found. Their habitat is in swamps or very heavily wooded areas. They will run indefinitely. It is rare that a pack of beagles ever runs one down. They are supposed never to go to ground. Hare trials on snowshoes are held all over the New England states. Because of the fact that the snowshoe rarely runs in the open, it is not a very satisfactory quarry to hunt with a large pack.

There are four kinds of hounds in this country that hunt with their noses and give tongue — the foxhound, the harrier, the beagle and the basset. Any hound not a basset, under 15 inches measured at the withers, is a beagle. There are two classifications of beagles: under 13 inch and under 15 inch. Any hound under 16 inches is considered a beagle in England. There are probably more beagles in this country than any other kind of dog. The beagle has been second in number registered with the American Kennel Club for many years (figures just released by the AKC puts them in first place); there are also a great number of unregistered beagles. Most beagles are used as an aid to shooting rabbits. Many hunting men hunt with one, two or three hounds. There is a tremendous interest in field trials for single dogs throughout this country. In Rhode Island, there are two very active beagle clubs: Thornton and Little Rhody. Both hold field trials. It would be wise for some of you to join one of these clubs and go to their trials.

In April of each year, the Bay State Beagle Club, located not far from here, at Berkeley, Mass., holds a pack trial. Many of the best packs enter their hounds in this trial. I urge you to send some representatives to this trial. I have learned more about hunting hounds at the field trials by observing other packs than in any other way.

As in all sports that are entered into by many people, in beagling, too, there must be some rules, which should be adhered to strictly so that all can enjoy the sport.

It is customary for the hunt staff to wear soft black caps and green coats. Every pack has its particular color, worn on the collar of the coat. The colors are assigned to the pack at the time of its recognition by the National Beagle Club, which is the governing body. The hunt costume is worn not only for its smart appearance, but so that the staff may be quickly recognized by the field and by the hounds. I notice that I have an easier time controlling my hounds while wearing a green coat.

Make as little noise as possible while hounds are drawing (searching for game) and at checks (during a loss in the midst of a hunt when hounds are trying to pick up the scent again). Hounds are sensitive and if distracted, will lift their heads, thus taking their noses off the ground — and the hunt is apt to be spoiled. Hounds must be able to hear each other. If a hound speaks on a line and is a truthful hound, the others will honor him and the hunt can be resumed by all hounds.

Do not follow too close upon the huntsman's heels nor speak to him while he is hunting the hounds. When hounds are running, the field may run behind the hounds, but should not get too close. It is better to follow a little to one side. Do not get into a position where you turn the rabbit or cross the line he has taken. If you do find yourself on or near the line, move away slowly.

By remaining silent, one can hear the cry of the hounds. This is one of the greatest delights of hunting. It is music to the ear of the ardent follower. Each hound has its particular note and by listening, instead of talking, you will soon learn to recognize the hounds by their voices.

If the above rules are adhered to, the hunts will be longer and more satisfactory, affording more enjoyment for all.

There are good days and there are poor days, but if it were not for poor ones we wouldn't appreciate the good days. Whether hunting is good or bad depends upon scenting conditions. The late John C. Baker, Jr., Master and Huntsman of the Buckram Beagles of Long Island, N. Y., from 1938 until his death in 1952, wrote:

"Scent is a very mysterious and illusive thing. There are several theories, but no one knows too much about it. On some days scent is practically non-existent and on others it is so strong that hounds run so far no one can keep up with them. On the same day scent will vary on different kinds of ground. Usually, it is better on grass than on *plow* (bare ground). Some days it is better in *cover* (in the woods) and on others in the *open* (the fields). Scenting conditions may change in a few minutes. Early in the season, scent is usually best early in the day when the ground is still damp from the previous night's dew or rain. Usually it is better on damp days."

There was a question period and many intelligent questions were asked. The most provocative one was — "what is the purpose of beagling?" My answer was — "to enjoy a good hunt." A beagler is usually born with a love of the chase; he does not acquire it. To appreciate a hunt the follower must enjoy the ever changing aromas of the countryside; he must enjoy the wind in his face and know what direction it is coming from; he must enjoy the beauties of the ever changing panorama enfolding before him; he must enjoy the music of the hounds when they all cry out together; he must enjoy the pounding of his heart as he exerts himself to stay near the hounds. All the above combined sensations are what makes one enjoy a hunt. That is the purpose of beagling. I have fully enjoyed beagling for many years and look forward to more years with my hounds. I only wish I had started earlier in life when I was as young as you are now.

THE WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES — South Westport, Mass., April 28, 1951
Edwin D. Child, Josiah H. Child, joint master and huntsman; Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., honorary whip; Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., joint master; Mrs. Josiah H. Child, Millicent B. Whittall, honorary whip; Jane Bayard Tuckerman, Leslie Brown, kennel huntsman. Hounds — Pilgrim, Prancer, Tango, Prophet, Nosegay, Nimrod, Pumpkin, Newsman.

Bringing Treweryn's eight couple home after their 2nd place National performance. Master and huntsman Dave Sharp is second from right.

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WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES — AT THE MEET
"Mouse" Almy, honorary whip; Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, joint-master; Leslie Brown, huntsman; Eddie Brown.

BEAGLING FORTY YEARS AGO

. . . by JO CHILD

Joseph Hutchins of the Watuppa Beagles, which contained more Florist blood than any other beagles today, once handed me some 1915-16 American Fields.

One story on the early Western trials at Bass Lake, Indiana, told of the fifteen inch, three hour stake thusly:

"Those following the fifteen-inch dogs were treated to a sight well worth tramping many miles to see. The pack of eight, with Carl Jones as whipper-in was cast off in a thick weed field, where all that could be seen of hounds was the tips of their tails above the dead grass. They soon got out of this and picked up a trail, driving through the woods, with every dog in full cry, their voices blending in a chorus more inspiring than any made by human voices. Off they went out of sight and almost out of hearing, still hot on the trail and with the whipper-in the only one keeping near them. In a few moments they headed back on the swing of the rabbit, their voices getting louder and clearer as they came driving back on the trail. They reached the fence by the road running so close together that a blanket would have covered the bunch. . .(This is a stock phrase, but in this case, absolutely true). . .caught the turn and swung back like a single dog, not a hound passing through the road and they were off again on the drive. Again, they drove a rabbit through woods, slough and fields across the road, through a pasture and were called off in a barnyard. The farmer allowed that they gave his old tomcat a chase home, but nevertheless, they picked up the trail in an open field across the road, drove through the field, caught the turn and went tonguing back true to the line and along the fence. They were after the bunny, too, for he was seen to take this course and was only hitting the high places. The hounds gave him no time to rest or think of anything but running. Another drive resulted in holing the rabbit after a long chase. The pack kept well together and tugged at their leads when taken up. Upon completion of the run, the judges announced that of the seven starters, first had been awarded to Superfine's Jackadandy, second to Afton Dandy Boy, third to Superfine's Paunch and reserve to Afton Crow."

In those days people evidently had more time to write and more time to read as every race, even in the single classes, is described in detail in the same style as the one I have just quoted. It is interesting to note that it was evidently the custom then to hold a three-hour stake class after the singles were finished. Two of the hounds that placed in the fifteen-inch stake class had already placed in the single class. The kennel names Superfine and Afton appear in many of our pedigrees today. At this stake class, there was no huntsman, only a whipper-in. Perhaps hound in the show narrowed between the imported bitch, Belray Cora, the winner over imported Somerset Watchman, after a close battle.

The Watchman Challenge Cup for the eight couple class, won by the Wolver in 1918, was probably named after Somerset Watchman. Weatly Frantic must be the hound that the 15 inch two couple cup is named for.

Braces and derby classes went on for three days and included all dogs that had previously run in the pack classes. Pack owners must have had much more leisure in those days. Another issue related:

"The fields are mostly pasture land of tall grass, called broom grass, which does not permit many sight chases. Several packs will often be run off while the judges and spectators stand on the top of one little hill and watch the whole performance, perhaps moving ten or fifteen rods, to where they can see down the other side or through the ravine and up the side of the opposite hill. The old Institute building is very adaptable for the use of the Club. It is made of stone and concrete. The large dining room in the basement will accommodate one hundred and fifty guests, a parlor of about the same size on the main floor and two large bedrooms, probably having been used for classrooms by the school. There are two additional stories above with bedrooms to accommodate one hundred people." This statement should inspire the present day house and rooming committee to look into the matter of housing more people in the main building. The fire hazard committee should also be made aware of any new developments in this direction.

There were eight 13 inch two couple packs with Reynal, 1st; Piedmont, 2nd; Waldingfield, 3rd.

The nineteen 15 inch two couple packs was the largest entry I found at the National. Piedmont, 1st. This was the year before Frank Stuart appeared as huntsman. This pack seems to have been the outstanding one in those days, as they placed in nearly every class in which they were entered for a number of years. Wolver was 2nd, and Charmion, owned by George Flammer, 3rd.

Vernon Place won the four couple. This is the first record I can find of their winning. . .the start of a long line of winnings which lasted for thirty-seven years. Waldingfield was 2nd; Piedmont, 3rd.

Wolver won the eight couple then won this class for four years in succession. Many Belray hounds ran in the Wolver pack and Belray was no longer entered in the pack classes, indicating that Mr. Belmont gave up his hounds then and Ollie Iselin got a substantial draft from that pack.

Chetwood Smith judged the bench show that year. The best hound was the Wolver entry of Belray Cora. She also won the brood bitch class. This bitch later reached the second series class in the 15 inch single bitch class. There were classes for couples, two couples, three couples and eight couples. The eight couple was won by the Wheatley Beagles.

I think this is enough reminiscense for now. Good Hunting! ##

WINNING 13 INCH TWO COUPLE AT BAY STATE

Liseter pack, Leslie Brown, huntsman, James Brown and Johnny du Pont, whips. (Photo by Harris Reynolds.)

Bay State Pack Trial

. . .by Mrs. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr.

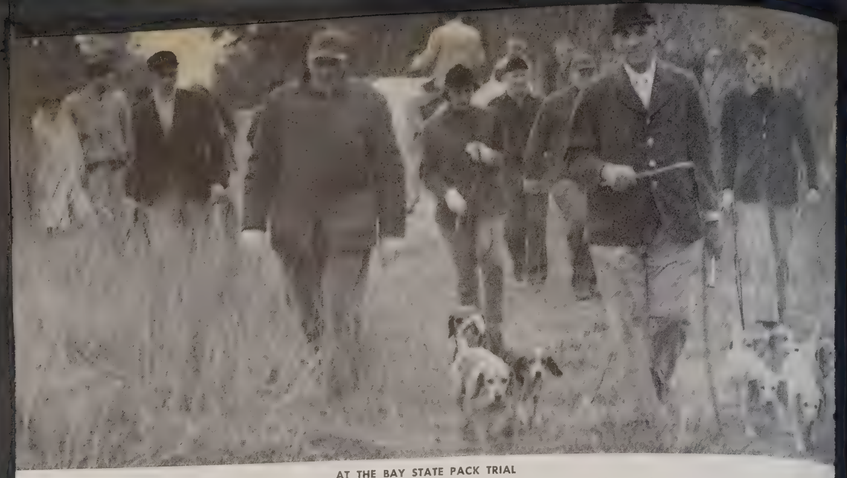
The 18th annual Bay State pack trial near Taunton, Mass., April 2-3, 1955, drew entrants from Pa., Long Island and Kinderhook, N. Y., and not without due cause, as this beautifully-run trial boasts 300 acres of heavily stocked, well laid out grounds; the snuggest and most secure of kennels, a generous and cheerful group of local club members who see that everyone is fed all day long, and two top managers, Josiah H. Child, master of the Waldingfield Beagles, and Henri Prunaret, joint-master of the Sir-Sister Beagles to see that every detail goes off without a hitch. These managers even imported a judge from New Jersey. Jimmie Jones, who pried himself away from his basset affiliations there long enough to climb on a shaggy chestnut horse and watch beagles run for two days in Massachusetts. His co-judge was Henry J. Plausse of Natick, Mass. who is well known in this field and who rejected the offer of a horse, saying that he had never been on one and now was not the time to start, and ran every step of the way. I might add that he is a Physical Education coach in his "spare" time! Between the two of them, you couldn't get away with a thing.

The two-couple pack running, was strictly a spectator day—hot, sunny, still, and though the ground was fairly moist, the orchard grass which covers the open had baked two days in the sunshine and rustled like taffeta when hounds pushed through it. Scent was nonexistent at its worst and spotty at its best. It took four good hounds with keen noses, working very closely, to account for a rabbit under those conditions and that is what Mrs. duPont had in the 13 inch class with her Liseter I pack.

Hunted by Leslie Brown, formerly of Waldingfield, and who in one short year has done a great deal with the Liseter pack, Charmer, Ruby, Flute and Happy had a consistently good run with much drive and cry, yet did not blow apart at the checks. The breeding of these hounds is interesting: three are by field champions, the fourth by Liseter Tom, a field type hound, and all are out of nice looking Liseter-bred bitches, a cross with which Mrs. duPont has had great success. (It is also interesting to note that the Pineville pack, entered in this class and consisting of three field champions, Sandy Creek Jackie, Perri's Banker and Norfolk County Sammy, and a fourth hound, Sun Junction Stepper, needing only four points for his championship, failed to place, chiefly because only one hound, Jackie, did all the work, and the oldest hound, Sammy, hardly opened at all.)

The Liseter pack, which won with a score of 83 points, defeated the Sir-Sister I pack by only one point. Third was awarded to "Sister" Grew's Noanet pack, which included a puppy by Waldingfield Postman, with 81 points; fourth to Sir-Sister II pack with 66 points; reserve to Buckram with 65 points.

Scent improved slightly in the afternoon with the arrival of a cool wind from the northeast, and Bunny Sharp had a nice close hunt with his Treweryn hounds to win the 15 inch two-couple class with 80 points. Of these four hounds, two, Melissa and Dora, are Vernon Somerset bitches given to Treweryn during the dispersal last year. The other two, Magnate and Burgess, are first season puppies, both by Treweryn Bender, the former out of Treweryn Musical and the latter out of Vernon Somerset Bretta. Although Melissa was the carrying hound in this pack, the puppies were right in there, and in another



AT THE BAY STATE PACK TRIAL

Sir-Sister four couple, 2nd. Hunted by Henri Prunaret, Mildred Prunaret and Nat Dane, whips. Field marshal Frank Astin leads the way. (Photo by Harris Reynolds.)

three had great trouble handling their rabbits, this time due largely to a fierce wind which seemed to blow away all scent in the open. More than one pack had to work its rabbit 15 or 20 feet downwind where scent had blown across the open swaths and naturally it was difficult for them to resume the line in the covert again.

Treweryn had a close but spotty hunt. Old Chatham had trouble with hounds going wide, and Liseter had good drive and cry, but a very long check on a scrubby hill. Then came the Buckram hounds and at the first cast in country across the road, the gallery pricked up its ears. With a burst of cry, Deborah, Bargain, Desperate, Moonlight, Vernon Somerset, Mendip, Treweryn Merrymaker, Bethel Lake Vagabond, and Waldingfield Postman ran their rabbit through the gallery at the edge of the woods, ignoring three fresh rabbits which jumped up and scuttled through the people's feet, and broke out into a rye field. As the wind was flattening the grass from the right, it was a great surprise when, with only a slight hesitation, the whole pack roared across the open, promptly picked a 90 degree turn on the other side, described a parabola in the woods on the west side of the field, drove all the way back across the rye field in the same uniform way, and carried the line deep into the woods where their quarry was found. When the judges gave the signal to lift them while running, the gallery broke into applause and the Conollys' faces were wreathed in smiles for the rest of the morning.

The Noanet pack which followed had difficulty carrying the line in a dry field after marking one rabbit to ground in the woods, and the last pack, the Sir-Sister, drew rough country, had two hunts beset with all kinds of problems, but finally had a lovely third hunt where the rabbit emerged into a field in full view of the gallery, ran along a stone wall for a hundred feet, ducked back into the woods and was run without hesitation in exactly that fashion by Prunaret's Red Devils.

When the results were announced back at the clubhouse, it was no surprise that the Sandanona Challenge Plate for the best four couple (any size) went to the Buckram Beagles, and then hard upon that came the announcement that their score was 88 and that therefore they had also earned the gorgeous Sir-Sister Challenge Cup for the pack having the highest score in the field during the trial.

Second in the four couple went to the Sir-Sister hounds with a score of 81, third to Liseter with 79, 4th to Treweryn with 78, and reserve to Noanet with 62.

Here it may be noteworthy to comment on how influential three breeding factors were in the trial thus far: 1) the crossing of field champion and pack blood in the Liseter pack; 2) the importance of the Vernon Somerset bloodlines graciously distributed among all the packs during the recent Gambrill dispersal; and 3) the significance of the blood of Waldingfield Postman whose young get placed in every class and who himself was in the winning four couple pack. Postman himself was champion 13 inch Dog Hound at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in 1953 when still a puppy and reserve champion last year. Bred by Josiah H. Child, he was given to Buckram last year.

Sunday afternoon, with bellies full of good turkey dinner served to us all in the large indoor pavilion, our attention turned to the judging of the bench classes, the necessary complement to the running classes. William Bosie of Taunton, Mass., did a thoroughly workmanlike job judging these classes and was only too glad to analyze a hound at anyone's request.

All the two couple packs which placed in either the 13 inch or 15 inch classes were brought in to be judged as they had run. Mr. Bosie's nod went to the Treweryn 15 inch pack of Melissa (V.S.), Dora, (V.S.), Magnate and Burgess which had (note earlier) won their class in the field. This was a grand

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BAY STATE FOUR COUPLE PACK WINNER

Dr. Joe Conolly picks up his Buckram hounds, helped by Johnnie Roester and Jack Eyre. (Photo by Harris Reynolds)

achievement. Second went to the Buckram's 15 inch with Mendip, Merrymaker, Moonlight and Desperate. Third went to the Liseter 13 inch pack, Charmer (who has won at Bryn Mawr), Ruby, Flute and Happy, and fourth to the Waldingfield 15 inch pack of Susie, Barrie, Nordic and Sara—all lemon-and-white.

The Treweryn win secured for Bunny Sharp the Eugene Fisher Memorial Challenge Bowl for the two couple pack having the highest combined score in the field and on the bench. Treweryn earned 165 points ahead of Liseter with 153, Buckram with 144, Waldingfield with 140, and Noanet with 133.

In the individual bench judging, the 13 inch class went to the appealing Buckram bitch Deborah, who though a little loaded in the shoulders, has a well-sprung neck shown off by her wide white collar, and good running gear all around. Second went to Liseter Charmer, a graceful short-backed bitch who was not in her show condition having just weaned a litter of puppies, third to Liseter Flute, and fourth to Treweryn Model.

The 15 inch class went to Old Chatham's fine strong dog hound, Don Valley Citation, bred by Allen Snowden of Ottawa, second to Buckram Desperate, a gay first season hound with close-knit feet, third to Buckram's Vernon Somerset Mendip, thick of neck and high of ear but good every place else, and fourth to Old Chatham's Treweryn Benedict.

And with the awarding of the final ribbons, the forming of resolutions to come back next year to the best run pack trial around, and the heaping of congratulations on Mssrs. Child and Prunaret, and Mssrs. Astin, Purdy and McCarthy of the Bay State Beagle Club, the members of the various packs swiftly picked up their tents like the Arabs, and to avoid the unseasonable, radio-forecast s n o w s t o r m, silently stole away.

Treweryn Eight Couple winners of
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Liseter wins John C. Baker
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Judge Cowperthwaite

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National Challenge Cup winners

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Measuring 13" inch Beagles

Becky L. Trimpi Watching 2 couple

Sandanona 4 couple

Judge Cowperthwaite presents Turnbull Cup to Mrs. Dean Bedford

AT THE NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB TRIALS, Aldie, Va.—(L. to r.): Mrs. Dean Bedford, William Battin, and Morgan Wing drawing for order of running for the four couple class.

"Drunk as a Monkey"

HUNTING

Beagle Division At Bryn Mawr Larger Than Ever Basset Hounds Have Enthusiastic Followers

The Beagle division of the Bryn Mawr Hound Show was larger than ever. Actually, twice the number of hounds were entered as compared with 1954. This year's judge was Mr. Clinton Callahan of Huntingdon, Long Island. His duties in the face of such a large entry were carried out with dispatch. It was evident that among the points of emphasis were bone, heads and general condition. Many hounds seemed to carry too much flesh. This was not to the liking of the judge.

The classes for 13" dog hounds turned into a Liseter marathon with Treweryn and Buckram dividing the seconds and the thirds. A good unentered 13" dog-Liseter Laddie '55 by Liseter Merry Lad '47—Baldwin's Gossip won his class handily. Liseter Reveler '53 by Liseter Merry Lad '47—their Rakish and Liseter Merry Messanger '50 by Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl, won the entered dog class and the stallion classes respectively. Merry Lad with two of his get won the class for stallions and two of get while Merry Messanger was adjudged champion dog. The couple of dog hounds was won by Liseter Reveler '53 and Merry Messanger '50.

The tables turned somewhat in the 15" division. Buckram Bellman by Ch. Chessman of Walnut Hall—Buckram Bargain '53, an unentered hound of outstanding bone and substance won both the unentered dog class and became the Champion 15" dog. In the entered dog class Liseter again took the silk with first and second place going to Liseter Famous '53 by Liseter Fair Play '52—their Joyful and Liseter Fair Play '52 by Liseter Flyer—their Rakish. The Old Chatham Foot Beagles were awarded third place with Don Valley Citation '49 by Kay's General Mack—Don Valley Chatterbox. It was wonderful to see the Old Chatham present.

A new winner came to the fore in the class for couples of 15" dogs any age. Sandanona won their first class of the day with their Lasher by Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Mavis '52 and Vernon Somerset Mudlark '52 by Vernon Somerset Market '43—their Brassy. Second went to Old Chatham and third to Little Prospect.

In the afternoon the bitch classes were held. The Champion 13" bitch was Buckram Beauty by Chessman of Walnut Hall—Buckram Bargain '52 who had also won the unentered bitches. Reserve went to Liseter Passion '52 by Liseter Fair Play '52—their Loyalty '51. Treweryn won the Brood Bitch 13" class with Vernon Somerset—Dora '52 by Vernon Somerset Melvin '50—Dummer Dairymaid '50. Dora also won the class for 13" brood bitches with two of her get (Treweryn Dealer by Treweryn Bender '46 and Treweryn Driver '54 by Treweryn Bugler '51.

Liseter placed first and second in the class for couples of bitches any age 13 inches. First were Pensive and Passion both by Liseter Fair-Play '50—their Loyalty '51. Second went to a couple made up of Liseter Fairy '53 by Liseter Fair-Play—their Joyful and Ladybird by Fair Play—Loyalty. Third prize went to Sandanona. This completed the classes for 13" Bitches.

In the classes for 15" Bitches the Nantucket Beagles became prominent. Mrs. "Bunny" Sharp is master of this pack. Their Barmaid by Treweryn Bugler '51—Nantucket Hoodwink '53 was the best unentered bitch. Second was awarded to Liseter Darkness by Meadow Lark Ruffage—Liseter Queen. Third place to Nantucket Buxom, litter sister to Barmaid.

In the class for entered bitches 15" Liseter returned the winner with Merry Maid II, by Merry Lad '47—their Queen. Old Chatham received second with Sandanona Minuet '54 by Vernon Somerset Mowbray—Sandanona Mystery. It was a pleasure to see the Little Elk of which Carl Robinson is master, come into the

(Freudy Photo)

Buckram Beagles' Beauty, National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—the best 13" Beagle.

ribbons for third place, with Little Elk Sheba '54 by Ellson Worthy—their Scarlet.

The next class was for brood bitches and was won by Nantucket Hoodwink '53 by Nantucket Ruffian '46—their Hesperus '46. This was an outstanding win because the class contained a former Peterborough winner. Second was Sandanona Melody '51 by Wolver Baker '47—Vernon Somerset Mystery. The champion bitch 15" was handily won by Nantucket Hoodwink and a popular win it was. Reserve was given to Liseter Merry Maid II.

The class for brood bitches with two of her get was won by Hoodwink with Buxom and Barmaid. The next class of real interest was for two couples of Beagles any age, 15". A popular win was made by Sandanona with a very evenly matched lot, and second went to Nantucket with a young two couple all by Treweryn Bugler '51—Nantucket Hoodwink '53.

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(Freudy Photos)

(Left)—The Timber Ridge Bassets—best Basset pack. (Right)—Best Beagle Pack at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, the Treweryn Beagles.

Beagles and Bassets

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The National Beagle Club Challenge Cup for the best 13" Beagle dog or bitch bred and owned by exhibitor was won by Buckram Beauty by Ch. Chessman of Walnut Hall — Buckram Bargain '53. Beauty is an unentered hound. Second in this important class went to Liseter Merry Messanger '50 by Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl. The class for 15" was probably the most difficult class for the judge even though only two hounds competed — Nantucket Hoodwink and Buckram Bellman. Both were outstanding individuals. Bellman placed first. The judge probably liked the added substance which Bellman carried, even though Hoodwink is not lacking in that department.

The last class was for packs in which five competed — Two 15" pack and three 13" packs. The Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup for the best five couple of Beagles was awarded to the Treweryn 13" Pack which automatically gave them the Liseter Hall Trophy for the best 13" pack. Second place was awarded to the Liseter Beagles and third to Sandanona

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Buckram Beagles' Bellman, National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—the best 15" Beagle.

Beagles. Treweryn's hounds showed gaily and their excellent condition was in their favor in spite of the fact it was a mixed pack. The Little Prospect Beagles and the Nantucket Beagles exhibited a 15" pack. It was interesting to see the Nantucket Beagles since most of the pack was only six months old. They handled like veterans and were very popular.

On Saturday morning the usual hare hunt was held. Ten and a half couple of Treweryn hounds and two couple each from Nantucket, Buckram, Liseter, Old Chatham and Little Prospect met at Mr. Samuel Eckert's farm at seven. For two hours this pack hunted as though they had been together always. Scent was only fair which was good because of the varied sizes of the hounds. For two hours everyone enjoyed an interesting hunt after three hares. It was interesting to see 20½ couple around the Huntsman's feet without any regard for the whereabouts of their owners.

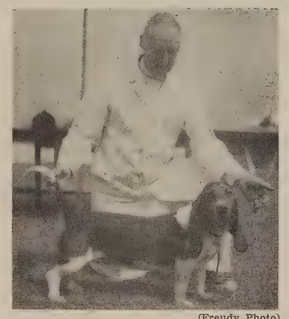
A breakfast was held at the Radnor Hunt Club for all the visitors.

—J. G. L., Jr.

BASSETS

Not since that famous day some years ago, when a small pack of bassets broke from their pen, chivied a cottontail from under the grandstand and hunted him in full cry through the ring where sober judges were attempting to name the Champion American Fox Hound, have the lowly Bassets been allowed to grace the greensward of The Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club, Media, Pa. However, this year, after this unseemly lapse of time, an enthusiastic group of Basseters arrived to see the judging of the entries from four registered Basset Packs. Judge Mrs. Leutie Thompson, smartly gowned in black by Bergdorf Goodman, deliberately made her selections from the exhausted and somewhat prostrated entries (even bits of medium-rare calves liver, surreptitiously palmed by keen exhibitors failed at times to get them off their backs) to the enthusiastic approval of Basset notables both in and out of the ring. This Basset revival is most heartening to the supporters of this charming breed of hound.

Despite disastrous sickness in their kennel a year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers brought their Timber Ridge Bassets from Hampsted, Maryland, to win Champion Dog Hound, The Pack Class and a good share of lesser ribbons. Timber Ridge is a subscription pack, hunting in an outer portion of the Green Spring



(Freudy Photo)

Speed, of the Timber Ridge Pack, champion Basset dog.

Valley Country north of Baltimore. The Champion Bitch award went to Poona Jet, a finely built black and white hound, who with her "get" almost completely dominated the female side of the Basset division. She comes from the newly

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registered Poona Bassets owned by Molly, Adele and Kent Leavitt of Millbrook, N. Y. where they have been graciously allowed to compete for scent and running space with the Millbrook Fox Hounds, the Sandanona Beagles and the Junior Drag Hounds. The Prize for the greatest number of points won in the show, reserve champion ribbons for both dog and bitch hounds, firsts in unentered bitches and stallion dog with two of get all went to The Tewksbury Foot Bassets which, under the joint mastership of Haliburton Fales II and J. S. Jones, inhabit that portion of the Essex Fox Hounds Country hunted for so many years by the Vernon Somerset Beagles.

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

The year 1954 has added to the list of active registered beagle packs the greatest number in one year since the founding of the National Beagle Club in 1888. We welcome six new packs namely The Ligonier Valley Beagles, Master, George Clement; Nantucket Beagles, Master, Rebecca L. Trimpi; North Country Beagles, Master, Reese E. Howard; Old Chatham Foot Beagles, Master, Mrs. Henry Gammack; Pemberton Beagles, Master, Dean Bradford; and Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles, Joint Masters, Colonel Peter R. Bingham, D. S. O. and Captain John A. Gillanders.

In connection with this wonderful progress, there is also a note of sadness as the initiation of the Ligonier Valley Beagles and the reactivation of the Pemberton Beagles, originally established in 1925, was brought about by the disbanding of the Waldingfield Beagles, our oldest registered pack, established in 1886. We do so hope that Josiah H. Child and the Bayard Tuckermans will find a way to keep this famous name active.

Certainly our hope expressed in the 1953 Foreward that additional new packs be established during the coming year has been fulfilled far beyond expectations. Our registered packs now consist of eighteen packs for beagles, three packs of bassets and one pack of harriers. Future new packs are already in the making with the Rocky Fork Headley Hunt, Wallace C. Harrison, Master obtaining a draft from the Treweryn Beagles. The beagles will be kennelled with the foxhounds at Gahanna, Ohio, near Columbus and will play an important part in the training of their enthusiastic hunting youngsters.

Our 65th Annual National Trials in November at Aldie, Va. was celebrated with capacity attendance and perfect weather. The honors were more evenly divided among a number of packs, though we were hit by an atomic attack from the vicinity of Oxford, Michigan.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES
Upper Brookville,
L. I., New York.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members: others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening—green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr. Huntsmen: The Masters. Honorary Secretary: Owen T. Frisbie. Whippers-In: Lorna Ainsworth, Clinton G. Bush, Jr., Mrs. Barbara H. Conolly, Anne Conolly, Henry B. Thomson III.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays. Telephone Brookville 5-4304. Visitors welcome.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr., 1934-1935; Henry B. Thompson, Jr., 1936-1937; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr., 1938-1948; John C. Baker, Jr., 1948-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES
New Castle,
Delaware.
Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-In: Margaret Wilson and Donald R. Willis.

Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November 1st through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guyencourt, Del., and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES
Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Masters: Charles Schuck and Robert Hunteman. Huntsman: The Masters.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only.

Country is approximately 10 miles by 5 with some paneling.

Former Master: Philip K. Crowe, 1933-1953.

LIGONIER VALLEY BEAGLES
Ligonier,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, blue collar. Master and Huntsman: George C. Clement. Honorary Secretary and Whipper-In: David C. Burton.

Seven couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Kennels at Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier. Telephone Ligonier 500. Visitors welcome.

The country hunted is the same as hunted by the Rolling Rock Hunt.

LISETER BEAGLES
Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin duPont. Huntsman: (professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-In (honorary) John duPont.

Twenty couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience.

LITTLE PROSPECT BEAGLES
Jarrettown,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1952.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robbin's egg blue collar with black piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Whipper-In (professional) W. Lobley.

Seven couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays and holidays.

Country gently rolling farm land with woodland.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT
Box 588,
Red Bank,
Established 1885.
Recognized 1904.

Public pack, supported by Subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L.

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Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert H. Smith. Whippers-In; Miss Isabelle Haskell, Mrs. George S. Howell, R. G. Metcalf and James S. Hauck; (professional) Melvin Ryan. Kennelman: Charles J. Holmewood.

Thirty-five couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap $10. Hotel accammodations at Polly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

NANTUCKET BEAGLES
Pluckemin,
New Jersey.
Established 1926.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green shirt with maroon tie. Master and Huntsman: Mrs. Rebecca L. Trimpi. Whipper-In: Margaret Wemple.

Four couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbits June through August on Nantucket Island, Mass. Kennels during other months at Pluckemin, N. J. Pack originally hunted mounted with over size beagles and known as Nantucket Harriers.

NORTH COUNTRY BEAGLES
Oxford,
Michigan.
Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, Gold collar with black piping; evening same. Master and Huntsman: Reese E. Howard. Honorary Secretary: Miss Mary Boyer. Whippers-In: (honorary): Emory Clark II, William R. Clark, Jr., Dean Bedford, Jr., Miss Charlotte D. Nichols, Charles K. Backus, Mrs. Reese E. Howard.

Nine couples—13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits, Sundays and Holidays, October through April. Kennels at Oxford. Telephone Oakland 8-2288. Visitors welcome.

OLD CHATHAM FOOT BEAGLES
Old Chatham,
New York.
Established 1953.

Supported by subscriptions. Affiliate of Old Chatham Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green with cavalry yellow collar and green piping. Master: Elizabeth H. Gammack (1954); Huntsman: (honorary): Major Albert S. Callan, Jr.; Whippers-In: (Honorary): Thomas H. Quinn, S. Napier Smith, Hugh Mc B. Johnston. Field Master: Henry M. Gammack.

Four couples 15-inch beagles hunt cottontails and hare Sunday afternoons and holidays October 1-April 1. Country is rolling farm and woodland in vicinity of Old Chatham, Kinderhook, West Ghent. Visitors welcome. Address: Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack, Kinderhook, N. Y.

Former Masters: Capt. Sydney Smith (1952); Orian A. Johnson (1953).

(Freudy Photo)

Champion 15" beagle at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show, Mrs. J. Austin duPont's Liseter Merry Rex.

PEMBERTON BEAGLES
Fallston,
Maryland.
Established 1925.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with nile green piping. Master and Huntsman: Dean Bedford. Kennelman: Irving Weeks. Whipper-In: (professional) Dennis MacKenzie.

Eight couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbits and cottontail, October through March. Kennels at Fallston. Visitors welcome.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES
Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia.
Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. Honorary Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-In: (professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-In: (honorary) Jake Carle.

Eight couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1st to April 1st, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

ROYAL CANADIAN SCHOOL OF INFANTRY BEAGLES
Camp Borden,
Ontario, Canada.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Rifle-green, infantry scarlet collar with maroon piping. Masters: Colonel Peter R. Bingham DSO and Captain John A. Gillanders. Huntsman: J. A. Gillanders. Kennelman (Professional): Ed Thompson. Secretary: Mrs. J. A. Gillanders.

Ten couples English beagles. Hunt native brown hare Fridays and alternate Sundays. October through March. Kennels at Camp Borden. Visitors welcome.

Country is generally sandy, uncultivated, with pine wood strips.

SANDANONA BEAGLES
Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1948.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, yellow collar with gray piping; evening—green, yellow silk facings with gray piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Roger A. Young. Whippers-In: Miss Adele Leavitt, Miss Milicent B. Whittall, E. Gordon MacKenzie, Oakleigh L. Thorne.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt native brown hare and cottontail rabbits Sundays and holidays October through March. Kennels at Millbrook. Telephone Millbrook 3337 or 3285. Visitors welcome.

Country is rolling farm and woodland.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES
Natick,
Massachusetts.
Established 1903.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Mrs. Edward H. Dane and Henri F. Pruneret. Honorary Secretary: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: The Masters. Whippers-In: Mrs. Henri F. Pruneret, (professional) John Clifford.

Twelve couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Natick, Mass. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits October through March at the convenience of the Masters. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

Former Master: Chetwood Smith, 1903-1952.

STOCKFORD BASSETS
Fairville,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1935.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1935) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

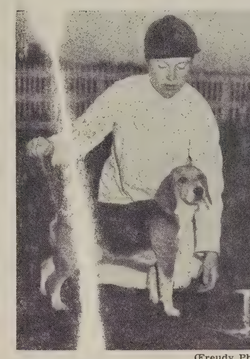
Ten couples Bassets. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting October 15th to March 15th. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of 3 miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES
Henderson,
North Carolina.
Established 1924.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry.

Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.



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National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—Best 13" beagle, dog or bitch—Sandanona LEADER.

TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS
Gladstone,
New Jersey.
Established 1930.
Registered 1953.

Hunt native hare and Jack rabbits in Somerset and Hunterdon Counties, New Jersey. The area was formerly hunted by Mr. R. V. N. Gambrill's Vernon Somerset Beagles and is part of the country of the Essex Fox Hounds. Joint Masters: (1950) James S. Jones and Hallburton Fales II. Hon. Sec'y.: C. B. P. Van Pelt, Far Hills, N. J. The hounds are hunted by the Joint Masters. Kennel Huntsman: Donald Miller. Hon. Whips: Miss Margaret Wemple and Messrs John Ike and Henry I. Hall.

Twelve couples of Bassets kenneled at Pottersville, New Jersey. The hounds are "the property of the country" maintained by subscription. Meet Sunday afternoons October to March plus bye days. Visitors welcome.

Hunt livery: Green coat, robin's egg blue collar and black buttons engraved T. F. B. in block letters.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS
Hampstead,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and

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colors: Green with gold collar and blue piping; evening—same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Joseph W. Shirley Jr.; Field Masters: Joseph W. Shirley, Jr.; and Victor Weybright. Whippers-In: (honorary) Mrs. John Bayley, Mrs. Charles R. Rogers and Charles W. Lane.

Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cottontail, Kansas jack and fox. Season: October 1st to March 15th, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md.

Country grass, woodland and cultivated in Baltimore, Harford and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

TREWERYN BEAGLES
Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1924.

A subscription pack founded 1924, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping; evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: David B. Sharp, Jr. Huntsman: James G. Lamb, Jr. Chairman of Field Committee: A. William Battin. Whippers-In: (honorary): Richard H. Thompson, W. West Frazier, IV, George S. Hundt, John B. Todd, Lester T. Hundt, Jr., Robert M. Scott. Kennel huntsman: (professional) Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with format meets on Sunday, August 20th to April first.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Shaarp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint-Masters), 1929-1930.

WHITFORD BEAGLES
Gates Mills,
Ohio.
Established 1930.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar peacock blue; evening same. Master: Andrew Ford. Huntsman: William Downie IVth. Field Master: John Gilchrist. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Richard Seymour. Whippers-In: (Honorary) David Grund, Charles Richardson, Alfred Vehring, George Watkins, Robert Adomeit and Andrew C. Ford.

Ten couples 13 and 15-inch beagles hunt country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Hunt Kansas jack rabbits and cottontail rabbits. October through March. Sunday fixtures and midweek bye-hunts. Address: Andrew Ford, 2370 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Former Master: Horatio Ford, 1930-1952.

WOLVER BEAGLES
Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-In: (professional) Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome.

A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

National Trials

Ten Packs From Ten States Represented At 65th Pack Trials Of The National Beagle Club

Jane Dane

Day after halcyon day the sun shone, the "Jelly dogs" ran and the Merry Beaglers made merry indeed at this the 65th pack trial of the National's existance.

Ten packs from as many states were represented, giving all kinds of variety in hound work and handling to the two judges, John Cowperthwaite, and Harry Truxel.

Wednesday afternoon the vans began rolling in to a very picked up, freshly whitewashed, waterless Institute. Due to the drought all washing was barred at Aldie, leading to a high sale in Middleburg drugstores of the "smell nice products.

That first Wednesday evening we weaklings or possibly brainier set that inhabit the Red Fox, rather than endure the rigors of Squaw Hill, were entertained by Mrs. Dupont before dinner.

It is very pleasant to have Jean's Liseter pack competing at the trials again with Waldingfield's Leslie Brown as huntsman.

George Klauder alias Carter mixed the cocktails for the Sir Sister and the Raynham. Frances Carle is prettier than ever and Ned is my favorite nightcap pal.

Mrs. Gassaway informed Mildred Prunaret of the presence of an Italian Count in the annex. Naturally the next morning we watched him emerge with interest, dressed for the chase with Piedmont. I would like to have asked him about the pack I hunted with in Rome many years ago, but the only Italian phrase I could remember is "Io desidero una bagno perfervare," which migh have startled the gentleman, as roughly translated it is "I would like a bath, please." Very suitable for the Institute, but hardly simpatico on first acquaintance.

Thursday morning ten 13-inch packs were run off with a popular win to Pemberton and Sandanona, a close second. Dean Bedford is back in the fold again with a draft from the Waldingfield. There are six new registered packs this year which must mean something in Beagle popularity. One of these, the North Country, Mr. and Mrs. Reese Howard from Oxford, Michigan, won the bulk of the prizes with the hounds that Morgan Wing, Jr. bred and sold them in 1953 when he took over a large Vernon Somerset draft.

Reese Howard is to be congratulated on his fine job as huntsman and the excellent record of his hounds in his first year at the National Trials. He really set a mark which will be hard to equal for the North Country finished their fast pace by winning the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy for the pack scoring the highest total number of points in the field.

Another new pack is the Old Chatham Foot Beagles from Chatham, New York. They were a fine bunch of enthusiasts, with the most gorgeous blonde that has ever appeared at any previous trail, the wife of their huntsman Albert S. Callan, Jr. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack is Master, her husband Judge Henry Gammack is trainer, the whips present being John S. Williams, Jr., and Thomas H. Quinn. This group stayed at a motel near Aldie and would like their hometown, Chatham New York, to know they behaved well and were a credit to the trials. This is another pack which our Secretary, Morgan Wing, has helped start on its way with advice and hounds.

On this first Thursday I was riding next to Ollie Iselin, watching the hound run, when he said, "Janie, do you smell Orange Blossoms in the air?" It was very obvious throughout the trials, in fact, Ollie suggested we run a pair class. Well, good luck to the happy couple.

To get back to new packs, Becky Trimpi was on hand but without her Nantucket Beagles, most of which unfortunately disappeared on a deer three weeks ago. There is a new Canadian pack named "The Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles. These beagles are for the use of five thousand men. I hope next year we have the invasion.

The dining room has been renovated to cafeteria style, with newly painted tables and a perpetual coffee machine. One helps oneself, there is no waiting, it is a vast improvement.

The Bedfords entertained at cocktails Thursday night, the invitation reading, "Bring your own glasses, two beds to sit on, and please, Henri, supply the ice."

During the afternoon some of the 15-inch two couples were run with scent improving as the shadows lengthened. The Sir-Sister string was augmented by Win Naylor who replaced Dick Harwood, our heart attack-bridegroom-Secretary, in the Sir-Sister cabin.

Friday, early, the Red Devils went down on frost and didn't do too badly, considering I was hunting them. Well, anyway we won the National Challenge Cup.

Different Huntsmen hunt differently. There is the school of talking to hounds which I learned from Uncle Jimmy Appleton. There is the whistling method for which I think Bun Sharp is responsible. There is the waving of white gloves, Josiah Child school. There is the completely charming method of Mrs. Carle called "Come on me lads," and, finally, there is the Henri Prunaret train of thought which is a bad cold, so he waves a white handkerchief over the line. It works just as well as a red flag to the bull.

Friday night the Sir-Sister had their cocktail party, a very immense affair, but our guests were kind to their hosts and I was able to bring home some liquid refreshments.

There were thirteen 15-inch two couple packs, won handily by North Country and a nice second by Ollie Iselin's Wolver pack which only has four hounds now, so it was fine he placed.

Twelve four couple packs pursued their quarry to glory or defeat with North Country again running first. Reese really packed home a lot of silverware including a new trophy, a toy white mouse and thereby hangs a tale.

The North Country thirteen-inch two couple had been picked up but started digging at a hole. Whipper-in Morgan Wing stated he would prove a rabbit was in the hole by dragging him out by the ears. He placed his hand in the hole and with a squeak out popped a field mouse almost up his sleeve. A new menace for hole markers!

Saturday, another lovely, lovely day, we finished off the four couples, had a Hound Show, ran five eight couples which Treweryn won deservedly after holing several rabbits, attended a cocktail party with hosts Kent and Adele Leavitt Whitford, and Sandanona among them, ate a large dinner and had the annual meeting. It was quite a day.

Pat Walker from Washington, one of the nicest girls I know, joined the Sir-Sister for the week end to help in every possible way.

The Whitford personnel, Virginia Ford, wife of the Master, Andrew Ford William Downey, the 4th Honorary huntsman, Albert C. Vehring, Jr., whip & last but far from least, John D. Gilchrist, Jr., Field Master, gave everyone a lot of pleasure. Jack, particularly, enlivened many an hour for me with his quips and witticisms. One lyrical limerick particularly, which is bang in the middle of my notes, made my whole trip for the Commodore, my husband, worthwhile.

Mrs. Dupont won the John C. Baker Challenge Plate with her goodlooking Liseter taking over from Sandanona who had won the previous two years. North Country had the highest score in the field with their four couple to win the Sir-Sister Cup.

At the annual meeting there was the usual, uninvited advice pouring in to the Secretary and President, and I nominated my three sons for membership and bought half a chain saw. A very expensive evening for me.

This year the Leavitts, Adele and her father, were in the Gambrill cabin. Adele keeps up the Beagle scrapbook and her father was the official photographer for the trials.

Young Johnny Dupont enjoyed his first time at Aldie as did Leroy Blackwelder who put in a nice bunch of puppies as a four couple.

Sunday was positively hot. The hounds

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Notes on Hunting Of the Master

Major W. Austin Wadsworth
M. F. H. Genesee Valley Hunt
1876-1918

The M. F. H. is a great and mystic personage to be lowly, meekly and reverently looked up to, helped, considered and given the right of way at all times. His ways are not as other men's ways, and his language and actions are not to be judged by their standards. All that can be asked of him is that he furnish good sport, and so long as he does that he is amenable to no criticism, subject to no law and fettered by no conventionality while in the field. He is supposed by courtesy to know more about his own hounds than outsiders and all hallooing, calling, and attempts at hunting them by others are not only very bad manners but are apt to spoil the sport. As a general rule he can enjoy your conversation and society more when not in the field with the hounds, riders, foxes and damages on his mind.

N. B.—The proffer of a flask is not conversation within the meaning of the above.

Tewksbury Foot Bassets Enjoy Long Run Despite The Elements

Sunday, November 21, was our first really good day so far this season. No record for time or point or distance covered but we did run very nicely for an hour and a quarter on an extra large European hare. It rained and blew Saturday, all Saturday night and all Sunday morning but by 2:30 the rain at least had stopped. The wind was still blowing a gale but despite all this a small field of regulars turned up at the Gibbs house and set out bravely over fields two inches deep in water. These hardy followers included the Ike family, Bill Bross, Louis Starr, the Philip Bowers, Hovey Clark and Jim Peale.

We drew blank across Spanns and Webster Todds but in the meadow opposite Ogden White's house the hounds carried a strong line down the edge of a torrent of water which was rushing across the field. After a bit they could do no more with it but in the process of a circular cast we put him up—in full view of the "field!"—and one of the biggest hare I've seen. Heading north he skirted the edge of Lower Pidcock Covert and leaving the white Farm and Webster Todds to the right he crossed the Oldwick-Lamington Road to the river at Spanns. This was in flood so rather than face the water he swung right handed up the meadow, crossed back over the dirt road and headed for Pidcocks again over much the same route we'd just travelled.

The hounds dwelt for a moment near Mrs. Trowbridge Heaton's house but were soon put right and carried the line the full length of Lower Pidcocks despite many deer crossing their path on two separate occasions. Breaking out the Southend they crossed the open fields to the river just above the Moseley house and finally ran out of scent in the flooded meadows.

It was an hour and fifteen minutes of very nice hunting and at a good pace most of the way.

Our expert whipper-in, Miss Margaret Wemple was in the right place every minute and was in and out of each field with the hounds and joint-master H. Fales throughout this rather STIFF run.

Mrs. Nelson Slater, the Essex Fox Hounds new joint master, was airing her family and putting mileage on a new pick-up truck but nevertheless was able to be most helpful at the critical moments.

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in the 13-inch three hour stake suffered as did Bun Sharp who was hunting them, but Morgan Wing who had the Huntsman's job for the 15-inch must have nearly died. Even as though a hound as my old Red Devil Ring had had enough and has been sleeping ever since.

The trials ended after Sunday lunch and a farewell supper and songfest at the Iselins.

As usual I have many a visual and mental picture to remember until next year, the frost sparkling on the sedge grass in the mornings, the moving lights and shadows on the Blue Ridge Hills in the late afternoon, the shouts of laughter, and the pleasure of being with congenial people again, the hounds' cry as they boil down a slope to the creek bottom, the pictorial look of the eight couple staffs—all this and Heaven, too, is Aldie.

Summaries

FOXCATCHER PLATE, 13-inch, two couple
1. Pemberton
2. Sandanona
3. North Country
Res. Liseter I

WHEATLEY FRANTIC CUP, 15-inch, two couple
1. North Country
2. Wolver
3. Sir-Sister II
Res. Treweryn

SOMMERSET CHALLENGE CUP, four couple
1. North Country
2. Raynham
3. Sir Sister
Res. Liseter

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP,
1. Sir-Sister
Res. Sandanona

SIR-SISTER CUP
North Country Four couple

JOHN C. BAKER CHALLENGE PLATE
Liseter
Res. Raynham

WATCHMAN CUP, eight couple
1. Treweryn
2. Sandanona
3. Sir-Sister
Res. Whitford

MINSTREL PLATE, three hour stake
1. Liseter Ruby
2. Sir-Sister Beetle
3. Pemberton Gadyfly
Res. Sandanona Lovely

TREWERYN FORGER CUP, three hour stake
1. Pemberton Thrifty
2. North Country's Sandanona's Merrymaker
3. Sir-Sister Dayspring
Res. North Country's Waldingfield Pilot

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North Country, 29 points
Sir-Sister, 21 points

WELFARE CUP—Best 13-inch Beagle
1. Sandanona Laughter (Bitch)
(Liseter Ch. Merrylad—V. S. Beverly)
Res. Liseter Charmer (Bitch)
Floch. Grays' Captain—Liseter Linda

TURNBULL CUP—Best 15-inch Beagle
1. Pemberton Dough Boy (Dog)
(Waldingfield Nimrod—V. S. Doris)
Res. Waldingfield Prophet
(Oval Ch. Amawalk Link—W. Pumpkin)

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NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

65th Annual Field Trial Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—48 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner
1st	Dickburn Lyn	Fred Downs
2nd	Karickhoff's Tuffy	J. R. Rutledge
3rd	Trumpit	Ed Crawford
4th	Earl's Diplomat	Earl Rightnowar
Res.	Buck Run Captain	Cotton Pitts

13-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—68 Starters

1st	Bee Jay Kay	B. Nilles
2nd	Irving's Black Twig	Homer Thomas
3rd	Bump's Penney	W. A. Bushey
4th	True Trail Sue	J. K. Wilson
Res.	Mispillion Miss Wilson	Grear and Ryan

15-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—20 Starters

1st	Elbrook Duke	J. A. Wagaman
2nd	Wolver Melton	C. O. Iselin
3rd	Stowies Sport	Mary L. Stow
4th	Watt's Blackie	E. T. Watts
Res.	Hi Smokey Payne	A. J. Hathaway

15-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—25 Starters

1st	Argo Patty	A. E. Steinke
2nd	Stowie's Tam O'Shanter	Mary L. Stow
3rd	Wildwood Marvel	Mrs. N. M. Holdsworth
4th	Young's Belle	E. M. Young
Res.	Sutherland's Cricket	H. R. Carter

JUDGES

JOSEPH EAST, Baltimore, Md. HARRY TRUXEL, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

PACK STAKES

FOXCATCHER PLATE—13-Inch—Two Couple—10 Packs

Packs		Owners	Address
1st	Pemberton	Dean Bedford	Fallston, Maryland
2nd	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, New York
3rd	North Country	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
Res.	Liseter I	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Square, Pa.

WHEATLEY FRANTIC CUP—15-Inch—Two Couple—13 Packs

1st	North Country	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
2nd	Wolver	C. Oliver Iselin, Jr.	Middleburg, Va.
3rd	Sir-Sister II	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.

SOMERSET CHALLENGE CUP—Four Couple—12 Packs

1st	North Country	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
2nd	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.
3rd	Sir-Sister	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Liseter	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Square, Pa.

WATCHMAN CUP—Eight Couple—5 Packs

1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, New York
3rd	Sir-Sister	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Whitford	Andrew Ford	Gates Mill, Ohio

MINSTREL PLATE—THREE HOUR STAKE—16 Entries

1st	Liseter Ruby	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Square, Pa.
2nd	Sir-Sister Beetle	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
3rd	Pemberton Gadfly	Dean Bedford	Fallston, Maryland
Res.	Sandanona Lovely	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, New York

HUNTSMAN: DAVID B. SHARP, JR.

TREWERYN FORGER CUP—THREE HOUR STAKE—9 Entries

1st	Pemberton Thrifty	Dean Bedford	Fallston, Maryland
2nd	North Country's Sandanona Merrymaker	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
3rd	Sir-Sister Dayspring	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	North Country's Waldingfield Pilot	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan

HUNTSMAN: MORGAN WING, JR.

Account Of National Beagle Club Trials At Aldie 1915 and 1916

Jo. H. Child

A few years ago, Joseph Hutchins of Fall River, owner of the Watuppa Beagles, which contain more Florist blood than any other beagles today, handed me some copies of the "American Field" dated November 1915 and November 1916.

Among other articles on beagles they contain a report of the National Beagle Club's Trials, held for the first time at Aldie:

"The twenty-sixth annual field trials and ninth annual show for beagles held at Aldie, Va., started under the most favorable conditions. The Club should be congratulated on its selection of grounds, as in the opinion of all, it is the finest place they have ever run trials on and undoubtedly, the finest grounds in the United States. Aldie is a small village about fourteen miles from The Plains. The grounds are about four miles from Aldie and a more beautiful rolling country cannot be found. The trials were run over the Institute tract of one thousand acres. This land, we judge, has been farmed to death since the war—everything taken off and nothing put on—hence, a suitable home for the cottontails that have the get-up-and-go in them.

Everything possible was done for the comfort of every man and dog and every member of the Club was ready to offer a helping hand or suggestion. A more democratic Club would be hard to find. There was an abundance of rabbits. The grounds were just hilly enough so that spectators could see nearly every chase from beginning to end. . ."

"The packs of eight couples of beagles started first. There were eight packs entered, judged by Thomas Shallcross and Charles A. Vogel, (Each hunt is described in detail.) Each pack entered contains the name of each hound, the name of the owner and handler. The packs competing were:

Piedmont Pack—Placed first, Piedmont Hunt Club, Owners—Arthur Kirby. Handler.

Belray Pack—Raymond Belmont, Owner—Handler.

Vernon Place Pack—Richard Gambrill, Owner-Handler.

Ragdale Pack—Arthur Burden, Owner Handler.

Old Westbury Pack—J. S. Phipps, Owner, Joseph Quinn, Handler.

Wolver Pack—C. Oliver Iselin, Owner-Handler.

Wheatley Pack—Second, H. C. Phipps, Owner, Arthur Little, Handler.

Somerset Pack—Third, George P. Post, Jr., Owner, Ernest Peutrell, Handler.

Bayard Tuckerman can tell you something about each one of the above packs. It will be noticed that the name Owner and Handler only is used, not the term Huntsman and Whipper-in. Ernest Puetrell, the huntsman for the Somerset Pack, became the Huntsman of the Wing Ridge Pack when the Vernon Place and Somerset Packs were merged in 1922. The Somerset Pack had been established in 1888.

There were nine packs entered in the four couple class which was also won by the Piedmont; Somerset was second, Wheatley, third; and Wolver, Reserve.

There were sixteen packs in the fifteen-inch Two Couple.

Belray, was placed first; Wolver, second; Sir-Sister, third; Piedmont, fourth.

There were only four thirteen-inch Two Couple packs.

Old Westbury Pack, was first; Rosedale Pack, second; Old Westbury Pack II, third.

"The ninth annual bench show was held on Sunday, November 7th, and brought forth about as excellent an array of high class beagles as have ever been benched and they were most excellently judged by **Paul Jones,** his awards meriting the praise almost universally given. The special for the best hound in the show is narrowed to a contest between the imported bitch, Belray Cora, and the imported dog, Somerset Watchman, the former winning out in a close race."

I suspect that the Watchman Challenge Cup for the eight couple class, won by the Wolver in 1918, was named after Somerset Watchman.

The classes must have taken all day for they included all the classes we now have at the Bryn Mawr Show, plus classes for two couple and for three couple. (I notice also that Wheatley Frantic was placed in the show. This must be the hound that the 15" two couple cup is named for.

The single classes, including derby classes, then went on for three days and included all dogs that had previously run in the pack classes. It looks as if the pack owners had had much more leisure in those days.

Out of the November 1916 issue (though somewhat damaged) I have extracted the following:

"The fields are mostly pasture land of tall grass, called broom grass, which does not permit many sight chases. Several packs will often be run off, while the judges and spectators stand on the top of one little hill and watch the whole performance, perhaps moving ten or fifteen rods, to where they can see down the other side or through the ravine and up the side of the opposite hill. The old Institute building is very adaptable for the use of the Club. It is made of stone and concrete. It has a large dining room in the basement which will accommodate one hundred and fifty guests, a parlor of about the same size on the main floor and two large bedrooms, probably having been used for classrooms by the school. There are two additional stories above with bedrooms to accommodate **one hundred people."** This statement should inspire the present day house and rooming committee to look into the matter of housing more people in the main building. The fire hazard committee should also be made aware of any new developments in this direction.

1916

This year the trials started out with 13" two couple as they do today. There were eight of them, including a Waldingfield Pack.

Results—Reynal Pack, first; Piedmont, second; Waldingfield, third.

There were nineteen 15" two couple packs, the largest entry I have ever been able to discover at the Nationals. First, the Piedmont Pack was owned by the Piedmont Hunt Club. Joseph B. Thomas, I believe, was the Master, and Arthur Kirby was the Handler. This was the year before Frank Stuart appeared as huntsman. This pack seems to have been the outstanding one of those days, as they placed in nearly every class in which they were entered for a number of years. The Wolver Pack was second and the Charmion, owned by George Flammer, was third.

The Vernon Place Pack won the four couple. This is the first record I can find of their winning. . . the start of a long line of winnings which lasted for thirty-seven years. The Waldingfield placed second and Piedmont, third.

The Wolver Pack won the eight couple and continued to win this class for four years in succession. I note there were many Belray hounds in the Wolver Pack and that Belray is no longer entered in the pack classes. This would indicate that Mr. Belmont gave up his hounds at that time and Ollie Iselin got a substantial draft fro mthat pack.

Chetwood Smith judged the bench show that year. The Best Hound was the Wolver entry of Belray Cora. (She also won the Brood Bitch Class). This bitch later reached the second series class in the 15" single bitch class. There were classes for couples, two couples, three couples and eight couples. The eight couple was won by the Wheatley Beagles.

Joe Hutching has other **Fields** which he will let me have, but I think this is enough reminiscence for now.

I wish I were with you. . . Good Hunting!

Beagles At Bryn Mawr

James Lamb, Jr.

Beagle quality at Bryn Mawr's 34th annual hound show was the best in years; perhaps due to the Vernon-Somerset influence represented in most packs shown—a great tribute to the late Richard V. N. Gambrill, and his huntsman Wilf Atkinson, whose efforts will be long felt. Judge Fred Huyler had no easy task. Obviously he looked for substance, bone and feet which would stand up under long days afield.

Entries are limited to packs registered with the National B. C. or hounds placing in licensed trials. Bryn Mawr champions are not eligible in entered classes. Single hounds must be shown on a leash — not posed by handlers who are requested to wear hunt livery or kennel coats. Packs are shown in livery without couplings. Sponsored by the Masters of Foxhounds, American Foxhound Club and the National B. C. the event was held on the grounds of the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club at Media, Pa., September 10, 1954.

Thirteen inch Ch. Sandanona Leader (Ch. Liseter Merry Lad x Vernon Somerset Beverly) won over Ch. Liseter Messenger (Ch. Liseter Flyer x Snappy Girl) and Buckram's Waldingfield Postman (Waldingfield Tango x Waldingfield Problem).

Liseter Merry Rex (Ch. Liseter Merry Lad x Liseter Queen) was 15 inch winner over reserve Liseter Famous (Liseter Fair Play x Ch. Liseter Joyful).

Ann and Morgan Wing were happy about Sandanona Lovely, litter sister to their Leader, winning 13 inch champion bitch. Nantucket's 15 inch bitch champion Hoodwink, carries Vernon-Somerset breeding.

The National B. C. Challenge Cup for best 13 inch dog or bitch bred by owner went to Sandanona Leader; 15 inch to

North Country's five couples with Reese Howard, Oxford, Mich., at Bryn Mawr hound show. (*Photo by Carl Klein*)

KING AND QUEEN FOR A DAY AT BRYN MAWR

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. with their winning Sandanona pack.

(*Photos by Carl Klein*)

SANDANONA LOVELY
Champion bitch 13 inch.

SANDANONA LEADER
Champion dog 13 inch.

BEAGLE DIVISION

In the Beagle section of the 1954 Bryn Mawr Hound Show, held at the Rose Tree Foxhunting Club on Sept. 10th, quality was more evident than in many years past. If any one thing could be considered responsible than any other for the outstanding individuals perhaps it was the influence of the Vernon Somerset breeding represented in nearly every pack at the show. This is a great tribute to the late Richard V. N. Gambrill and his huntsman Wilf Atkinson. The Vernon Somerset stamp will be felt for years to come.

Fred Huyler who so ably judged "The Merry Little Hounds" had no easy task. It was obvious, however, that he was looking for hounds with substance, bone and feet which would stand the requirements of a long day in the field.

The Champion dog hound in the 13" division was the unentered hound Sandana Leader by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52. He was placed over Ch. Liseter Messenger by Ch. Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl '13' Stallion Class and the winner of the 13" entered dog hound class Buckram Beagles Waldingfield Postman '53 by Waldingfield Tango '48—their Problem.

The 15" division was for the Liseter the Champion dog being their Merry Rex '51 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—their Queen. Reserve was given to Liseter Famous '53 by Liseter Fair Play '52—their Ch. Joyful '47.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing of the Sandanona Beagles can well be pleased because the Sandanona Lovely, a litter sister to the Champion 13" dog, was made Champion 13" Bitch. The Nantucket Beagles had the Champion 15" bitch with Their Hespervus '46. This also goes back to Vernon Somerset breeding.

The National Beagle Club Challenge Cup for the best 13" beagle, Dog or Bitch, bred by the owner was awarded to Sandanona Leader and for the 15" to Ch. Liseter Merry Rex.

Just by way of proof that this was the Sandanona year at Bryn Mawr their pack won the Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup for the best 5 couples of beagles as well as the Second Liseter Hall Trophy for the best 5 couples of 13" beagles. Second in both of these classes went to the Liseter Beagles.

It was particularly gratifying to have three new packs represented this year. Reese Howard drove from Michigan with his North Country Beagles to win the class for unentered dog hounds with his Roughland Banco by Waldingfield Pilot '51—Sandanona Bramble '51. The Little Prospect Foot Beagles were also welcome newcomers to the show.

On Saturday morning at seven the Treweryn Beagles were hosts at a joint meet at Bellvue Farm, Goshenville, Pa. Hounds from Treweryn, Nantucket, Little Prospect, and Sir Sister were combined and ran well together after several hare for two hours. The soaked and hungry field then repaired to the Radnor Hunt Club to dry off and partake of a tasty breakfast.

—James G. Lamb, Jr.

SUMMARIES

Beagles

Unentered dogs, 13 inches—1. Sandanona Leader by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Buckram Desperate by Vernon Somerset Mendip '52—Buckram Daring '47, Buckram Beagles.

Stallion beagle, 13 inches—1. Ch. Dister Merry Messenger '50 by Ch. Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl, Lister Beagles; 2. Waldingfield Postman '53 by Waldingfield Tango '48—Their Problem, Buckram Beagles; 3. Ch. Lister Merry Lad '48 by Ch. Foxcatcher Merrymaker '38—Lister Message '42, Lister Beagles.

Champion dog—Sandanona Leader, Sandanona Beagles.

Res: Waldingfield Postman '53, Buckram Beagles.

Unentered dogs, 15 inches—1. Roughland Banco by Waldingfield Pilot '51—Sandanona Bramble '51, North Country Beagles; 2. Buckram Devilish by Vernon Somerset Mendip '52—Buckram Daring '47, Buckram Beagles.

Entered dogs, 15 inches—1. Liseter Famous '53 by Liseter Fair Play '52 by Their Ch. Joyful '47, Liseter Beagles; 2. Liseter Fair Play '52 by Ch. Lister Flyer '49—Their Ch. Rakish, Liseter Beagles; 3. Nantucket Hannibal '53 by Nantucket Ruffian '46—Their Hesperus '46, Nantucket Beagles.

Stallion beagle, 15 inches—1. Vernon Somerset Melvin '50—Dummer Dairymaid '49, Little Prospect Foot Beagles; 2. Nantucket Ruffian '46 by Nantucket Paocher '35—Their Banshee '39, Nantucket Beagles.

Stallion beagle, 15 inches, with 2 of his get—1. Liseter Fair Play '52, Liseter Beagles; 2. Nantucket Ruffian '46; Hoodwink & Hannibal by Nantucket Ruffian '46—Their Hesperus '46, Nantucket Beagles; 3. Waldingfield Pilot '51 by Amawalk Linc—Waldingfield Pumpkin, North Country Beagles.

Champion dog, 15 inches: Liseter Merry Rex '51, by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Queen, Liseter Beagles.

Res: Liseter Famous '53, Liseter Beagles.

Unentered bitches, 13 inches—1. Sandanona Lovely by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Roughland Barmaid by Waldingfield Pilot '51—Sandanona Bramble '51, North Country Beagles; 3. Sandanona Laughter by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52, Sandanona Beagles.

Entered bitches, 13 inches—1. Liseter Merrybelle '52 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Queen, Liseter Beagles; 2. Vernon Somerset Blotter '52 by Vernon Somerset Marker '43—Their Brassy, Sandanona Beagles; 3. Liseter Fashion '52 by Ch. Liseter Flyer '49—Their Ch. Rakish '47, Liseter Beagles.

Brood bitch, 13 inches—1. Vernon Somerset Dora '52 by Vernon Somerset Melvin '50—Dummer Dairymaid '49, Treweryn Beagles; 2. Liseter Joyful '47 by Ch. Foxcatcher Merrymaker '50—Buckram Darkness '47, Liseter Beagles; 3. Liseter Loyalty '51 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Loyal, Liseter Beagles.

Champion bitch, 13 inches: Sandanona Lovely, Sandanona Beagles.

Res: Vernon Somerset Dora '52, Treweryn Beagles.

Liseter Merrybelle '52, Liseter Beagles.

Couple of bitches—13 inches—1. Sandanona Lovely & Sandanona Likeable by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Liseter Charming '52 by Ch. Liseter Flyer '49—Their Ch. Joyful '47, & Liseter Merry Joy '51 by Ch. Liseter Flyer '49—Their Ch. Joyful '47, Liseter Beagles; 3. Liseter Loyalty '51 & Liseter Spice '53 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Snappy Girl, Liseter Beagles.

Unentered bitches, 15 inches—1. Sandanona Bashful by Vernon Somerset Mowbray—Sandanona Busy '51, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Roughland Bashful by Waldingfield Pilot '51—Sandanona Bramble '51, North Country Beagles.

Entered bitches, 15 inches—1. Nantucket Hoodwink '53 by Nantucket Ruffian '46—Their Hesperus '46, Nantucket Beagles; 2. Liseter Merry Maid II, '52 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Queen, Liseter Beagles; 3. Theron's Cornelia '53 by Sir-Sister Ebro—Theron's Susan, Sir Sister Beagles.

Brood bitch, 15 inches—1. Sandanona Melody '51 by Wolver Baker '47—Vernon Somerset Mystery, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Vernon Somerset Dinah '52 by Vernon Somerset Melvin '50—Dummer Dairymaid '49, Little Prospect Foot Beagles; 3. Buckram Daring '47 by Tantivy Barrister '45—Buckram Domino '41, Buckram Beagles.

Champion bitch, 15 inches: Nantucket Hoodwink '53, Nantucket Beagles.

Res: Sandanona Melody '51, Sandanona Beagles.

Brood bitch, 15 inches, with 2 of her get—1, Liseter Restless '48 by F. Ch. Hansicker's Rob Boy—Liseter Lofty, Liseter Beagles; 2. Vernon Somerset V Beverley '52 by Vernon Somerset Marker '43—Their Brassy; Sandanona Lovely & Sandanona, Likeable, Sandanona Beagles; 3. Buckram Daring '47; Buckram Desperate & Buckram Delicate by Vernon Somerset Mendip '52, Buckram Beagles.

Couple of bitches, 15 inches—1. Liseter Desire '49 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Dolly '45 & Liseter Destiny '49 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Dolly '45, Liseter Beagles; 2. Sandanona Melody '51 & Sandanona Busy '50 by Wolver Baker '47—Hornick's Lona, Sandanona Beagles; 3. Vernon Somerset Beverly '52 & Vernon Somerset Mavis '52 by Vernon Somerset Marker '43—Their Brassy, Sandanona Beagles.

Two couple of bitches, 13 inches—1. Liseter Beagles; 2. Sandanona Beagles; 3. Buckram Beagles.

Two couple of beagles, 15 inches—1. Sandanona Beagles.

Best 13 inch beagle—1. Sandanona Leader, by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Beverly '52, Sandanona Beagles; 2. Liseter Charming '52, Liseter Beagles; 3. Buckram Deborah '52 by Treweryn Merrymaker '50—Buckram Darkness '47, Buckram Beagles.

Best 15 inch beagle—1. Ch. Liseter Merry Rex '49 by Ch. Liseter Merry Lad '48—Their Dolly '45, Liseter Beagles; 2. Nantucket Hoodwink '53, Nantucket Beagles; 3. Sandanona Bashful by Vernon Somerset Mowbray—Sandanona Busy '52, Sandanona Beagles.

Five couple of beagles—15 inches—1. Sandanona Beagles; 2. Liseter Beagles; 3. North Country Beagles.

Five couple of beagles, 13 inches—1. Sandanona Beagles; 2. Liseter Beagles; 3. Treweryn Beagles.

BEST 15 INCHERS AT BRYN MAWR

From left — Mrs. J. Austin duPont with Liseter Merry Rex, Ch. dog 15 inch and best 15 inch. Mrs. R. L. Trimpi with 15 inch Ch. bitch Nantucket Hoodwink. (*Photo by Carl Klein*)

Ch. Liseter Merry Rex. Truly a Sandanona year! They won the Vernon-Somerset Challenge Cup for the best five couples; also second Liseter Hall Trophy to 13 inch five couples.

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Thirteen Inch Dogs

Unentered — 1, Sandanona Leader, Sandanona; 2, Buckram Desperate, Buckram.

Entered — 1, Waldingfield Postman, Buckram; 2, Liseter Ruler, Liseter.

Stallion — 1, Ch. Liseter Merry Messenger, Liseter; 2, Waldingfield Postman; 3, Ch. Liseter Merry Lad, Liseter.

Champion Dog — Sandanona Leader.

Reserve — Waldingfield Postman.

Thirteen Inch Bitches

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Entered—1, Liseter Merrybelle, Liseter; 2, Vernon Somerset Blotter, Sandanona; 3, Liseter Fashion, Liseter.

Brood — 1, Vernon Somerset Dora, Treweryn; 2, Ch. Liseter Joyful; 3, Liseter Loyalty, Liseter.

Champion Bitch — Sandanona Lovely.

Reserve — Liseter Charming, Liseter.

Couples — 1, Sandanona Lovely and Sandanona Likeable, Sandanona; 2, Liseter Charming and Liseter Merry Joy; 3, Liseter Loyalty and Liseter Spice, Liseter.

Two Couples—1, Liseter; 2, Sandanona; 3, Buckram.

Fifteen Inch Dogs

Unentered—1, Roughland Banco, North Country; 2, Buckram Devilish, Buckram.

Entered — 1, Liseter Famous; 2, Liseter Fair Play, Liseter; 3, Nantucket Hannibal, Nantucket.

Stallion — 1, Vernon Somerset Dapper, Little Prospect Foot; 2, Nantucket Ruffian, Nantucket.

Stallion (with 2 get) — 1, Liseter Fair Play; 2, Nantucket Ruffian; 3, Waldingfield Pilot, North Country.

Champion Dog — Liseter Merry Rex, Liseter.

Reserve — Liseter Famous.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Garvan, Jarrettown, Pa., with their Little Prospect Foot five couples at Bryn Mawr. (*Photo by Carl Klein*)

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Entered—1, Nantucket Hoodwink, Nantucket; 2, Liseter Merry Maid II, Liseter; 3, Theron's Cornelia, Sir-Sister.

Brood — 1, Sandanona Melody, Sandanona; 2, Vernon Somerset Dinah, Little Prospect Foot; 3, Buckram Daring, Buckram.

Champion Bitch—Nantucket Hoodwink.

Reserve — Sandanona Melody.

Brood (with 2 get) — 1, Liseter Restless, Liseter; 2, Vernon Somerset Beverly, Sandanona; 3, Buckram Daring.

Couples — 1, Liseter Desire and Liseter Destiny, Liseter; 2, Sandanona Melody and Sandanona Busy; 3, Vernon Somerset Beverly and Vernon Somerset Mavis, Sandanona.

Two Couples — Sandanona.

Lucia Wing rests on her laurels while beagle, Mighty Mouse, seems happy at winning prize.

Puppy Love

Kids and their beagles put on an appealing show

NEWS COLORFOTOS BY DANIEL JACINO

A GROUP of youngsters recently demonstrated that not only do they love dogs, but they showed how well they could handle them. The event was a show for beagles—America's most popular dog for the third straight year—in which a team of 15 youngsters of Millbrook, N. Y., competed against a similar group from Long Island at Millbrook.

There was no entrance fee, but the children got ribbons and prizes for showing and handling the dogs as well as for completing simple field tests with their dogs and blowing field calls on the hunting horn.

Event was sponsored by Buckram (Old Brookville, L. I.) and Sandanona (Millbrook) Beagle Packs for their children.

Susan Edmunds, 2, gets her dog, Sandanona Barbary, ready for showing.

Judge Josiah H. Child, ex-master of the Waldingfield Beagles, is very serious as he begins the job of judging a row of the children's entries.

Frank Graves beams as he receives a 1st prize ribbon from Hugh Collins. The youngster's winner was the best 15-inch female puppy.

Kathie Bush, Anne Alexander and Sheila Maloney display their awards and their prize-winning beagles. The youngsters are apt pupils in dog handling and proved their skill in the various tests arranged at the show.

YOUNG ENTRY

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Puppy Show

Buckram Beagle's 100% Children's Affair Brings Out Small Fry in Large Numbers

Barbara H. Conolly

It is hard to say whether you are ending the old season or starting the new when you have a puppy show in July, but the season (whichever it was) got a tremendous boost on Long Island on Saturday, July 17th.

The day was significant first because it was a glorious day-cool, sunny, and breezy-and secondly because we had a joint show with the famous Sandanona Beagles of Millbrook, N.Y. which are under the capable mastership of the Morgan Wings, Jr.

Promptly at 10:30, the cars began to arrive and the childern poured out of them like cornflakes. Our hearts sank at the number but by 11:00 o'clock, every child had a beagle (some on knotted strings and improvised straps as we hastily supplemented our supply of 16 leashes) and conversely, every beagle had a child. I might add here our puppy show is always a 100% children's affair.

Since Sandanona and Buckram each had only 8 puppies to show, selected handlers had been chosen to show them and had been carefully schooled in technique before the event. The first class for unentered bitches was won by Sandanona Bashful, ably shown by Jane Hallenborg, with second going to Sandanona Lovely shown by Lynn Duval, and third to Sandanona Lonesome, shown by Frank Graves. The winning bitch represents the Wings' favorite line breeding to the good hound Vernon Somerset Mowbray, '48 and the second two were littermates from a Vernon Somerset bitch by Mrs. duPont's Ch. Liseter Merrylad.

The unentered dog class which followed was won by Sandanona Leader, a littermate to Lonesome and Lovely, with second going to Buckram Devilish shown by Linka Oelsner, and third to Buckram Desperate, shown by her brother J. J. Oelsner. These two puppies are by Vernon Somerset Mendip, '52 bred much the same as Mowbray, and out of Buckram Daring, '47.

When the first and second prizewinners of the above classes were pitted against each other in the championship class, the big rosette went to Sandanona Bashful with reserve to Buckram Devilish.

In the handling classes which followed, every child had a chance to show a hound and all the older Buckram hounds as well as the puppies were used.

When 24 children filed into the under 12 class, a split was hastily made, the winners of the first division being Lynn Duval of Millbrook, and Phebe Willits and Jenny Downer of Buckram. When these children returned in the final class against the winners of the second division, Frances Rotunno of Millbrook, and Will Glenn and Victoria Ward of Buckram, Lynn Duval triumphed as the final winner with her persuasive hands and pleasant manner of handling a dog. Lynn is a granddaughter of Frederick Bontecou of Millbrook, N. Y. well known to many for his Mastership of the Millbrook Foxhounds. Frances Rotunno of Millbrook was second, with Victoria Ward of Buckram taking third.

In the 12-18 division, Susan Landsman of Sandanona won handily with Jane Hallenborg of Sandanona second and Sarah Glenn of Buckram third.

After a break for a picnic lunch under the trees, the children reassembled for the horn-blowing contest (after plenty of practice with accompanying howls from the kenneled hounds during lunchtime). Thomas S. Allison, retired Huntsman to the Meadow Brook Hounds, who judged all the puppy and handling classes as well, gave a demonstration of blowing the English hunting horn which drew a burst of applause from the spectators. Then the children under twelve had a try at it. Lynn Duval of Millbrook surprised everyone by blowing at least four different calls to take the honors. Will Glenn of Buckram with a stellar performance on the deep-noted cow horn took second, and J. J. Oelsner of Buckram blew good true notes on the straight silver horn to take third.

In the 12-18 division, John Roesler of Buckram won on the silver horn, with Sarah Glenn of Buckram blowing the cow horn to place second, and Ned Oelsner, a dark horse and first time starter, giving a good blast on the silver horn to place third.

Great anticipation preceded the over 18 division as four Masters and one former Master were there to blow against each other. Morgan Wing revealed what he had been carrying around since lunch rolled up in a blue sweater and gave a magnificent performance on the mysterious bundle—a conch horn, made by Kent Leavitt of Millbrook, whose daughter Adele came down to see it played—to win first place. Ann Wing gave a remarkably versatile performance on the straight horn to place second over Fred Willits of Buckram whose beautiful tonal qualities on the silver horn gave him third place.

The next event was a Buckram vs. Sandanona Relay Race—a running race simulating hazards encountered in the field with jumps to go over, wire to go under, and card tables to crawl through. Ann Wing soundly trounced Barbara Conolly of Buckram in the sample run beforehand, and the Sandanona team followed through to beat the three Buckram teams with their light-footed Pony Club members.

The last race was a Buckram vs. Sandanona Puppy Race to the Horn. The handlers got their puppies and lined them up at the opposite end of the field from the two Masters who were equipped with their horns. After a few toots to get the puppies' attention the handlers released their charges at a signal and the spectators cheered for their pack's puppies. Sandanona Drummer was the first to answer his Master's horn, Buckram Regina was second, and Sandanona Laughter was third.

There ensued a few moments of confusion when the handlers tried to recapture their charges, before all adjourned to the back of the Conollys' house to see the results of the Art Show judging which had been quietly pinned by Admiral Joséph W. Golinkin while the children were racing. The entries were pinned to the side of the red house in six classes, and although the results of the under 12 group were not recorded except that they were Buckram children, Sarah Glenn won the 12-18 group with her nice sailing picture and Lucy Hurry took second and third with two of her colorful, nicely-designed water-colors.

Ann Conolly won the class for an adult who has never had a lesson with her sketch of a lead pony, and Lady Glenn won the class for adults who have had lessons with a delightful water-color of a Victorian house, over Peggy Ernst's professional-looking Bermuda scene, and Barbara Conolly's anatomical drawing of a horse.

The best Beagle or Hare class was won by Barbara Conolly with a sketch of three Sandanona Beagles at work in the field, and second went to Lucy Hurry for her idealization of the perfect beagle.

Peggy Ernst captured the class for the best beagle drawn on the spot with a delightful sketch in pencil, and with these awards and enough enthusiasm to carry on with an even bigger and better puppy show next year, the curtain was rung down on the most successful puppy show we have ever had.

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with as little handling as possible.

A spectacular retrieve by Champion Chesapeake Dilwyne Montauk Pilot some years ago is a classic example of the way a good dog works. He was given a blind water retrieve of two ducks. One fell dead but the other was only crippled. Pilot noticed the other duck escaping and immediately dropped the dead one to go after the cripple. He reached it in spite of heavy tides and winds but it started to dive.

Undaunted, Pilot dived after it time and again and finally caught the bird and retrieved it. Then, swimming in ever widening circles and looking back for directions from his handler, Pilot managed to locate and retrieve the dead duck.

The instinct which is as much a part of a champion retriever's qualities as his training was eloquently illustrated in the 1954 National Champion Stake, held in November at Weldon Springs, Mo. Major VI, the black Labrador who won the title, made his first retrieves far from the hunting field—according to its owner, Mrs. Fraser M. Horn of Southampton, N.Y., his first training was retrieving empty beer cans from around a Long Island bar.

BEAGLES ARE FAVORITES

The biggest boost to field trials, however, was given by a little hound called the beagle. There are now more beagles registered with A.K.C. (52,262) than any other purebred dog in America, and of the more than 2,000 A.K.C.-sanctioned trials held last year approximately 1,700 were for beagles. The beagle's climb to the throne is due in part to the fact that it comes nearest to being an all-purpose dog, equally in demand as a pet in the home and as a show dog and sporting dog. Also, almost any section of the country has the game it chases—rabbits—in abundance. Beagles do not require the same degree of expertness in handling as do some of the other sporting breeds, and they are easier and cheaper to keep.

The hard core of this segment of the sport is a passionately dedicated army of "single houndmen"—farmers, weekend hunters, city workers with a hobby—who own just one or two hounds and enjoy them as pets and hunting dogs. A smaller, but no less dedicated, group in the beagle fraternity is the pack masters, people with more time and money who prefer to run beagles as individually owned packs with much of the formality of a fox hunt.

QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

At the great majority of beagle field trials the dogs are run in braces, with the judging being carried out on a points system which can lead to championship status. The beagle's object in the trials is to find game and drive it "in an energetic and decisive manner, showing an animated desire to overtake it," according to A.K.C. rules. The amount of game found is not as important as the quality of working the ground. Accuracy in trailing, endurance and obedience are the points watched for by the judges.

Teamwork and not individual performance counts in the pack events. The ideal pack of beagles—whether four, eight or 16 are hunting together—should, when their turn comes, briskly apply themselves to the search for a rabbit, stay close together and turn to the huntsman's horn. When a hound opens—the hunters' term for barking on finding the scent—the others should fly to him, and when the scent is certain in their minds and to their noses they should all pursue it as one with great drive and cry, and should push their rabbit to a definite end—to a kill or to ground.

Top event for single hounds is the International Beagle Federation Spring Derby Trial held near Pittsburgh, which annually attracts so many challengers that its stakes have to be held in four different places at the same time. The top annual event for packs is the National Beagle Club's pack trials held at Aldie, Va., won by Reese Howard's newly formed North Country Beagles from Michigan.

A milestone in the field trial sport was reached last year with the establishment of a Field Trial Hall of Fame. Instituted by *The American Field* magazine, the Hall of Fame is restricted to pointing dogs but now that the pattern has been set it is likely that other breeds will be similarly immortalized. Four outstanding pointers of the past and one comparatively modern dog were named to the new Hall, as well as five sportsmen who pioneered the sport in this country.

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PUBLIC FAVORITES both as pets and field trial dogs are beagles, which require less-expert handling than other sporting breeds and are usually easier and cheaper to keep.

MIXED PACK of best hounds in National Beagle Club trials at Aldie, Va. move off at start of a three-hour stake followed by masters, whips, judges and the gallery.

HOUNDS ARE PAINTED with identifying numbers before the three-hour stake.

SQUIRMING ARMFUL is held by Anne Wing, Joint Master of Sandanona Beagles.

The North Country '53-'54 Season

This has been the first season for Michigan's North Country Beagles. As most members of established packs realize obstacles and confusion seem to appear without end. In retrospect, however, the season has been very successful with sport to be had and enjoyed by the many who turned out each Sunday.

The North Country Beagles were introduced to the Metamora Hunt Country by Mr. and Mrs. Reese E. Howard through an original draft of hounds secured through the generous assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., joint-masters of the Sandanona Beagles, of Millbrook, New York. The Metamora Hunt and land owners of the Metamora Hunt Country have been most generous in their enthusiastic support. While the North Country Beagles have been a private pack since its inception, a Hunt Committee has been formed and the pack will be continued and supported through subscriptions. The North Country has and will maintain its position as a community affair near Detroit, offering sport to all who wish to attend the meets.

The staff lists Mr. Howard, master; Emory W. Clark, II, Charles K. Backus, William R. Clark, Jr., Phillips B. Van Dusen, and Peter M. Detwiler as whippers-in. Miss Helen Parker has been our secretary and with matrimony in the offing has given her quill to Miss Mary Boyer. Mrs. Carlton M. Higbie is chairman of the recently formed Hunt Committee which includes Mrs. Roy D. Chapin, Jr., Charles K. Backus, Peter M. Detwiler, Mrs. R. E. Howard, Peter Stroh, and Preston Mann. Ben Colman, M.F.H. is an honorary member and Mr. Howard is an ex officio member of the committee.

Hounds met 24 times during a season plagued with horrible weather, zero temperatures, deep snows and generally gloomy Sundays. The climate notwithstanding, the field averaged some 25 to 30 hardy followers. Cottontail and occasional hare were hunted.

One of our best days occurred early in the season on November 1st when the meet was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Boyer. We drew south through a nearby swale and found immediately, the cottontail after a short burst going to ground beneath the Boyer's playhouse. Hounds found again after drawing south once more and this time our quarry went straightaway past the Old Alger barn and south to the swamp east of the Lodge. Hounds pushed her out and looped north to the old Bloomfield Club now owned by Mr. Putnam. Here the cottontail went to ground, all the hounds marking well when a tallyho was heard at the other side of the house under which our quarry had run. Hounds were laid on and carried the line north where, after a view and another short run, hounds lost.

A particularly fine afternoon was enjoyed December 6th when we met at Old Orchards. Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Parker were most gracious hosts. While the day was sunny and warm, a strong wind from the northwest, after a long dry spell, seemingly augured our poor sport. Happily, such was not the lot of the 40 odd who had turned out. Cottontails were abundant and from the field rose a chorus of hallows. While the quarry ran neither far nor straight, she did make several loops with hounds hunting very well.

On December 13th the meet was at the Kingsbury School. The day was one we had been anticipating with dread—absolutely black for an hour and a half when suddenly hounds went away on deer. Needless to say, the evening was a long one, but thanks to our whips, both regular and volunteer, we had all of the hounds by eight o'clock.

January and February brought horrible weather at least for each Sunday meet. Either snow or rain fell or the temperature was near or below zero. The depth of the snow, too, necessitated the cancellation of several meets.

January 10th, however, was our one good day during this period. During the National Beagle Club pack trial at Aldie, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ford suggested we have a joint meet with the Whitford Beagles at Gates Mills, Ohio. Thanks to them and the most hospitable Clevelanders, a grand day was had. Bill Downie hunted both packs, together, for a field easily over a hundred, and did a first rate job. After inexplicably losing the first hare after a fine run of some 45 minutes, we hunted a second which was last viewed by Andy Ford crossing the highway some three miles from where we originally found. Hounds were whipped off and picked up because of darkness and our long homeward journey to Metamora.

Though a blizzard through the midwest had prevented both ourselves and the Whitford from hunting for a week or two, the weather finally permitted a grand afternoon of sport for our joint meet with the Whitford at Metamora. Andy and Ginny Ford brought five couple of hounds and were joined by several of their whips and a member of their field. The weekend was most enjoyable and very festive. The meet was at noon Sunday, March 14th and a field of over 70 turned out. Andy Ford did a superb job of hunting the hounds. The field was standing on the hill in front of the Lodge when the hare was viewed away with hounds in full cry. After running the length of the old Alger race course, the hare made a short loop in Mrs. Hammond's south field, squatted momentarily and then ran back along his previous line. The field once more viewed and the pack, while momentarily split, now was driving hard. After a momentary check near the Lodge, hounds worked the line more slowly south toward the Metamora Club, across Mr. Brown's training track, along the edge of the woods east of Mr. Brown's and to his south field by the North Oxford Road. The hare had been running on top of the snow's crust by fence lines, making scent very catchy. At an apparent loss, Andy Ford made a brilliant cast which resulted in hounds owning the line once more. We again viewed the hare which had squatted too long and was rolled over in the open in the north field near the Metamora Club.

The weekend was great fun and we hope that these joint meets with the Whitford will be annual affairs.

Since the middle of March, we have enjoyed grand sport and we have been particularly encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm of those who have attended the meets. There were fine fields on the Sundays when we met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hendrie, at Old Orchards, and at Spring River Farm. On each of these afternoons weather was magnificent and scenting conditions fair. Late in the day we invariably experienced our fastest bursts.

Our final meet of the season was at the Lodge, April 11th. Hounds had a settling hunt on cottontail before drawing the orchard near the Alger barn for a hare viewed the evening before. Luckily our quarry had remained near there and hounds found quickly, almost chopping the hare in courtyard near the barn. After a fast burst to Delano Road, however, checked briefly as our quarry had turned right handed on the road, doubling back into the field and away again to the barn. Here hounds were at fault, apparently the hare running the road and through plow. After casting round the clock and being most discouraged at not finding, we crossed to the field of wheat stubble nearby. Here it seemed the hare had squatted too long. Along the fence line the hare was killed.

During the season there have been many who have contributed greatly to the success of the pack. Particularly so are those who have puppies at walk. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Pardee, Emory Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Higbie have given much of their time in carring for and training these puppies. On May 2nd there was the Puppy Walkers Hound Show in which all 1953 puppies were shown. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., judged.

The season in retrospect has been a good one. The sport was excellent and the turn out at each meet augurs well for the future. The puppies to be entered next season, plus the new draft from the Sandanona, will greatly benefit the pack and contribute to next season's sport.

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The basset—a melancholy, bell-throated hound that competently pursues hares and occasionally foxes—has no warmer enthusiasts in the United States than Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rogers (above) of Hampstead, Maryland. Mr. Rogers is the owner, Master and huntsman—and his wife, a whipper-in of great alacrity—of the Timber Ridge Bassets, now about to enter their seventh year with a solid nucleus of a hundred or so adherents. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, shown on the porch of their yellowstone house in Hampstead, wear white duck slacks along with coats of the Timber Ridge colors, dark green with gold collars and the narrowest blue piping.

The beagle—which in its long recorded history, starting in ancient Greece, has pursued the hare, with human beings following on foot—is the most popular hound in the United States. Here Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. of Millbrook, N. Y., are briskly conducting the Sandanona beagles an instant after the hare has been viewed. Mr. Wing is Master and huntsman of this pack. There are fifteen registered beagle packs on the eastern seaboard, and spring and summer are devoted to the strenuous task of limbering and training them for the strenuous three-hour hunts of fall and winter. The Wings wear green coats with yellow collars and gray piping and linen gaiters; Mrs. Wing's short white skirt is made by Daks.

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Bay State Beagle Trials

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The 18th Annual Bay State Beagle Club Pack Trials near Taunton, Mass., held April 2-3, 1955, drew entrants from as far away as Pennsylvania, Long Island, and Kinderhook, N. Y., and not without due cause. In fact this beautifully-run trial boasts 300 acres of heavily-stocked, well-laid-out grounds, the snuggest and most secure of kennels, a generous and cheerful group of local club members who see that everyone is fed all day long, and two top managers, Josiah H. Child, Master of the Waldingfield Beagles, and Henri Prunaret, Joint Master of the Sir Sister Beagles to see that every detail goes off without a hitch. These managers even imported a Judge from New Jersey. Jimmie Jones, who pried himself away from his basset affiliations there long enough to climb on a shaggy chestnut horse and watch beagles run for two days in Massachusetts. His co-judge was Henry J. Plausse of Natick Mass who is well-known in this field and who rejected the offer of a horse, saying that he had never been on one and now was not the time to start. Since he ran every step of the way I might add that he is a Physical Education Coach in his "spare" time! Between the two of them, you couldn't get away with a thing.

Saturday, April 2, when the two couple packs were run off, was strictly a spectator day—hot, sunny, still, and though the ground was fairly moist, the orchard grass which covers the open had baked two days in the sunshine and rustled like taffeta when hounds pushed through it. Scent was nonexistent at its worst and spotty at its best. It took four good hounds with keen noses, working very closely, to account for a rabbit under these conditions and that is what Miss DuPont had in the 13" class with her Liseter pack no. 1.

Hunted by Leslie Brown, formerly of Waldingfield, and who in one short year has done a great deal with the Penn pack, Charmer, Ruby, Flute, and Jester has consistently good run with much drive and cry, yet did not blow

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quest at the checks. The breeding of these hounds is interesting; three are by Field Champions and the fourth by Liseter Tom, a field type hound, and all are out of nice-looking Liseter-bred bitches, a cross with which Mrs. DuPont has had great success. It is also interesting to note that the Pineville pack, shown in this class and consisting of three Field Champions, Sandy Creek Jackie, Ferris Banker, and Norfolk County Sammy, and a fourth hound, Sun Junction Stepper, needing only four points for his Championship, failed to place, chiefly because one hound, Jackie did all the work, and the oldest hound, Sammy, hardly opened at all.

The Liseter pack, which won with a score of 83 points, defeated the Sir Sister no. 1 pack by only one point. Third was awarded to "Sister" Grew's Noanet pack, which included a puppy by Waldingfield Postman, with 81 points, fourth to Sir Sister no. 2 pack with 66 points, and Reserve to Buckram with 65 points.

Scent improved slightly in the afternoon with the arrival of a cool wind from the northeast, and "Bunny" Sharp had a nice close hunt with his Treweryn hounds to win the 15" two-couple class with 80 points. Of these four hounds, two, Melissa and Dora, are Vernon Somerset bitches given to Treweryn during the dispersal last year. The other two, Magnate and Burgess, are first-season puppies, both by Treweryn Bender, the former out of Treweryn Musical and the latter out of Vernon Somerset Berta. Although Melissa was the carrying hound in this pack, the puppies were right in there, and in another season should be topflight hounds themselves

THROUGH THE ORCHARD GRASS

Second went to the Waldingfield pack of lemon-and-whites, with 75 points, third to Noanet, running one of Postman's puppies, with 73 points, fourth to Buckram with 69 points, and Reserve to Old Chatham pack no. 1 with 68 points. It is nice to see Old Chatham, a newly-organized pack of 6 months and affiliate of the Old Chatham Hunt, under the Mastership of the Henry Gammacks of Kinderhook, N. Y., in the ribbons so soon. Al Callan, Jr. had a nice way of hunting their pack which, like all beginning packs, consisted of other packs' hand-me-downs, notably Sandanona's Wolver Baker, an old hound which did a really fine job, Sandanona Stormer, Sister, and Treweryn Benedict with their enthusiasm and future improvements, this pack should be one to watch.

The day's running may not have been brilliant but an evening of wining, dining, speech, and song at the Taunton Inn where we were all staying more than made up for it. Morgan and Ann Wing, whose Sandanona Beagles were temporarily shelved by a virus in the kennel, arrived to join Bunny Sharp, Westy Frazier, and Becky Trimpi of the Treweryns the Joe Conollys, Johnnie Roesler, and the Jack Eyres of the Buckrams, Mrs. Jean Austin DuPont, her son John, George Clauder, and Leslie Brown of the Liseter, Don Rowan and Win Naylor of Tower Hill (another coming pack to watch), the Gammacks, Tom Quinns, Mary Ann Tinklepaugh, and John S. Williams of the Old Chatham, the John Grews and Richard DuPont of the Noanet the Henri Prunarets, Nat Dane, and Dick Harwood of the Sir Sister, and the Jo Childs, Mouse Almy and Barnie of the Waldingfield. Unfortunately, Col. and Mrs. Mansfield, who were both down with the grippe, Jane Dane, who was away, and the Allen Snowdens, who were

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snowed in in Ottawa, could not be with us.

Jimmie Jones, Judge, and Master of the Tewksbury Bassets, was the goat for the evening as Jack Eyre, who has just moved to the basset-infested area of New Jersey, described his first day with those low-slung hounds when the hare, affirmed by J. Jones, swam three waist-deep rivers five times, and Morgan Wing announced that he was taking subscriptions for the new sporting weekly just published in New York this winter under the auspices of Time, Life, and Fortune entitled, "Bassets Illustrated". Then Cornelia Eyre produced her magical guitar and sang a song about a Fox Stealing Ducks on a Chilly Night, another about a Green-clad Lady on Cape Cod whose Drowned Husband came up out of the Sea on her Fishline and Pulled her down to a Watery Grave, and with that the party moved into the panelled club room and sang lustily, loud, and long until the wee hours of the night.

The next morning, undaunted by a raw nor'easter which had blown in and their rabbit through the gallery at the edge of the woods, ignoring three fresh rabbits which jumped up and scuttled through the people's feet, and broke out into a rye field. As the wind was flattening the grass from the right, it was a great surprise when, with only a slight hesitation, the whole pack roared across the open, promptly picked a 90 degree turn on the other side, described a parabola in the woods on the west side of the field, drove all the way back across the rye field in the same uniform way, and carried the line deep into the woods where their quarry was found. When the judges gave the signal to lift them while running, the gallery broke into applause and the Conollys' faces were wreathed in smiles for the rest of the morning.

The Noanet pack which followed had difficulty carrying the line in a dry field marking one rabbit to ground in the woods, and the last pack, the Sir Sister, drew rough country, had two hunts beset with all kinds of problems, but finally had a lovely third hunt where the rabbit emerged into a field in full view of the gallery, ran along a stone wall for a hundred feet, ducked back into the woods and was run without hesitation

(Reynolds Photo)

The winning 13" Liseter Pack, James Brown, whip, Leslie Brown, huntsman, and Johnny Dupont, whip.

blanketed the sky with clouds during the night, Huntsmen, Whips, and watchers donned another two layers of clothing, faced the wind, and began to hunt the 4 couple packs promptly at 9:00 o'clock. Six packs drew for positions and again, as on Saturday, the first three had great trouble handling their rabbits, this time due largely to a fierce wind which seemed to blow away all scent in the open. More than one pack had to work its rabbit 15 or 20 feet downwind where scent had blown across the open swaths and naturally it was difficult for them to resume the line in the covert again.

Treweryn had a close but spotty hunt, Old Chatham had trouble with hounds going wide, and Liseter had good drive and cry, but a very long check on a scrubby hill. Then came the Buckram hounds and at the first cast in country across the road, the gallery pricked up its ears. With a burst of cry, Deborah, Bargain, Desperate, Moonlight, V. S. Mendip, Trew. Merrymaker, Bethel Lake Vagabond, and Waldingfield Postman ran in exactly that fashion by Prunaret's Red Devils.

When the results were announced back at the club-house, it was no surprise that the Sandanona Challenge Plate for the best 4 couple (any size) went to the Buckram Beagles. Hard upon that came the announcement that their score was 88 and that therefore they had also earned the gorgeous Sir Sister Challenge Cup for the pack having the highest score in the field during the trial. Second in the 4-couple went to the Sir Sister hounds with a score of 81, third to Liseter with 79, 4th to Treweryn with 78, and Reserve to Noanet with 62.

Here it may be noteworthy to comment on how influential three breeding factors were in the trial thus far: 1) the crossing of Field Champion and pack blood in the Liseter pack; 2) the importance of the Vernon Somerset bloodlines graciously distributed among all the packs during the recent Gambrill dispersal; and 3) the significance of the blood of Waldingfield Postman whose get placed in every class and who himself was in the winning 4-couple pack. Postman himself was Champion 13" Dog Hound at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in 1953 when still a puppy and Reserve Champion last year. Bred by Josiah H. Child, he was given to Buckram last year.

Sunday afternoon, with bellies full of good turkey dinner served to us all in the large indoor pavilion, our attention turned to the judging of the bench classes, the necessary complement to the running classes. William Bosie of Taunton, Mass. did a thoroughly workmanlike job judging these classes and was only too glad to analyze a hound at anyone's request.

All the two-couple packs which placed in either the 13" or 15" classes were brought in to be judged as they had run. Mr. Bosie's nod went to the Treweryn 15" pack of Melissa (V. S.), Dora, (V. S.), Magnate and Burgess which had (note earlier) won their classes in the field. This was a grand achievement. Second went to the Buckrams' 15" with Mendip, Merrymaker, Moonlight, and Desperate. Third went to the Liseter 13" pack, Charmer (who has won at Bryn Mawr), Ruby, Flute, and Happy, and fourth to the Waldingfield 15" pack of Susie, Barrie, Nortic, and Sara, all lemon-white.

The Treweryn win secured for Bunny Sharp the Eugene Fisher Memorial Challenge Bowl for the two-couple pack having the highest combined score in the field and on the bench. Treweryn earned 165 points ahead of Liseter with 153, Buckram with 144, Waldingfield with 140, and Noanet with 133.

In the individual bench judging, the 13" class went to the appealing Buckram bitch Deborah, who though a little loaded in the shoulders, has a well-sprung neck shown off by her wide white collar, and good running gear all around. Second went to Liseter Charmer, (a graceful short-backed bitch who was not in show condition having just weaned a litter of puppies), third to Liseter Flute, and fourth to Treweryn Model.

The 15" class went to Old Chatham's fine strong dog hound, Don Valley Citation, bred by Allen Snowden of Ottawa, second to Buckram Desperate, a gay first season hound with close-knit feet, third to Buckram's V. S. Mendip, thick of neck and high of ear but good every place else, and fourth to Old Chatham's Treweryn Benedict.

And with the awarding of the final ribbons, the forming of resolutions to come back next year to the best-run pack trial around, and the heaping of congratulations on Messrs. Child and Prunaret, and Messrs. Astin, Purdy, and McCarthy of the Bay State Beagle Club, the members of the various packs swiftly picked up their tents like the Arabs, and to avoid the unseasonable, radio-forecast snowstorm, silently stole away.

SUMMARIES

FIELD

13" Two Couple, 9 packs—1. Liseter I; 2. Sir Sister I; 3. Noanet; 4. Sir Sister II; Res. Buckram.

15" Two Couple—1 Treweryn; 2. Waldingfield; 3. Noanet; 4. Buckram; Res. Old Chatham I.

Four Couple—Sandanona Plate—1. Buckram; 2. Sir Sister; 3. Liseter; 4. Treweryn; Res. Noanet.

The Sir Sister Cup—for pack having the highest score in the Field—The Buckram Four Couple.

BENCH—

Two Couple—1. Treweryn 15"; 2. Buckram 15"; 3. Liseter 13"; Res. Waldingfield 15".

13" Dog or Bitch—1. Buckram Deborah '52; 2. Liseter Charmer; 3. Liseter Flute; 4. Treweryn Model.

15" Dog or Bitch— 1. Old Chatham Don Valley Citation; 2. Buckram Desperate '54; 3. Buckram's Vernon Somerset Mendip '52; 4. Old Chatham's Treweryn Benedict; Res. Noanet Newsman, '54.

Eugene Fisher Memorial Bowl—The Treweryn 15" pack.

OLD CHATHAM FOOT BEAGLES

The Old Chatham Foot Beagles, an affiliate of the Old Chatham N. Y. Hunt Club, began their second season of hunting in October of this year under the leadership of a new Master. She is Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack of Kinderhook, who succeeded Mr. Orlan A. Johnson of Old Chatham. Mrs. Gammack was formerly associated with the Buckram Beagles and at one time had her own pack, the Kinderkill Beagles with kennels at Kinderhook.

Fields numbering upwards of 40 have followed the Old Chatham hounds and a number of successful teas have been enjoyed. The addition of a number of young beagle enthusiasts from Foxhollow School at Lenox, Mass., has added greatly to the spirit of Sunday afternoons in the field. One of the best hunts

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of the year was recorded on October 31, at Balintra Farm, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Quinn in West Ghent, where a field of 44 participated in a 55-minute run on a jack rabbit before a kill was scored. First in on the kill was John S. Williams, Jr., former captain of the Princeton crew, who was later awarded his colors as was Mrs. A. S. Callan, Jr. in a ceremony at the tea which followed. — Ajax.

Tewksbury Foot Bassets Enjoy Long Run Despite The Elements

Sunday, November 21, was our first really good day so far this season. No record for time or point or distance covered but we did run very nicely for an hour and a quarter on an extra large European hare. It rained and blew Saturday, all Saturday night and all Sunday morning but by 2:30 the rain at least had stopped. The wind was still blowing a gale but despite all this a small field of regulars turned up at the Gibbs house and set out bravely over fields two inches deep in water. These hardy followers included the Ike family, Bill Bross, Louis Starr, the Philip Bowers, Hovey Clark and Jim Peale.

We drew blank across Spanns and Webster Todds but in the meadow opposite Ogden White's house the hounds carried a strong line down the edge of a torrent of water which was rushing across the field. After a bit they could do no more with it but in the process of a circular cast we put him up—in full view of the "field"—and one of the biggest hare I've seen. Heading north he skirted the edge of Lower Pidcock Covert and leaving the white Farm and Webster Todds to the right he crossed the Oldwick-Lamington Road to the river at Spanns. This was in flood so rather than face the water he swung right handed up the meadow, crossed back over the dirt road and headed for Pidcocks again over much the same route we'd just travelled.

The hounds dwelt for a moment near Mrs. Trowbridge Heaton's house but were soon put right and carried the line the full length of Lower Pidcocks despite many deer crossing their path on two separate occasions. Breaking out the Southend they crossed the open fields to the river just above the Moseley house and finally ran out of scent in the flooded meadows.

It was an hour and fifteen minutes of very nice hunting and at a good pace most of the way.

Our expert whipper-in, Miss Margaret Wemple was in the right place every minute and was in and out of each field with the hounds and joint-master H. Fales throughout this rather STIFF run.

Mrs. Nelson Slater, the Essex Fox Hounds new joint master, was airing her family and putting mileage on a new pick-up truck but nevertheless was able to be most helpful at the critical moments.

BEAGLES

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Sandanona 13" Two couple being shown for National Challenge Cup

Look at "The Birdie", Primed for "Sports Illustrated"

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Welfare Cup
L. to Rt.
First Sandanona Laughter
Reserve Liseter Charmer

Treweryn Strategy
Act: 1

Treweryn "den of Iniquity"

"And so to Bed"

The Last Act
Stage Manager; Leslie Brown

Boy's Cabins

The Field

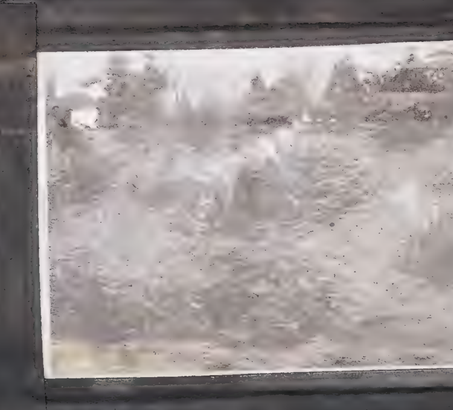
Sandanona 8 couple

Judge
Harry Truxel

Becky Trimpi classifying
Mrs. Bedford's mount

North Country's 15" two couple winners

The Institute



Morgan looking for Uranium!

"Mighty Mouse"

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THE TEWKSBURY FOOT BASSETS

A hound pack with a fancy name welcomes everyone to its weekly hunts. As the next four pages of pictures show, the hunt soon spreads out, the bassets waiting for no one and each follower enjoying the sport at his own pace

by COLES PHINIZY

ON SUNDAYS, autumn to spring, quiet lies over the winter-brown farm hills of Hunterdon County in north Jersey. In the stillness the cacophony of the crows over Pottersville can almost be heard in Oldwick. Then, at 2:30 at one or another of the back-country crossroads, the air fills with the yawping of basset hounds as they come tumbling from the back of a trailer. It is the meeting hour for the Tewksbury Foot Bassets—time for hounds and men and women to gather to chase the hare on foot, the hounds scatter-legged with eagerness and the men and women burdened with the ballast weight of Sunday dinner.

BASSET HOUNDS, a cross of old French bloodhound and St. Hubert hound originally bred for hunting in heavy cover, are considered one of best of hound group at working a scent.

This Sunday they met near Oldwick, beside the 19th Century iron fence around Dr. Farley's grave. The unbroken gray sky threatened to unload and drench them all, hound and man. The ground was cold, wet from the night's rain—indeed a bleak day but a fine one: the scent would hold well on the cool, moist ground.

The hounds (never, never call them "dogs") are always prompt at the place of meeting, flouncing over the muddy ground on their short legs, long ears aflop, body and tail waggling in excitement. This Sunday promises to be such a good hunting day that the two green-coated masters, Morristown Architect James Jones and New York Attorney Haliburton Fales, are kept busy containing the pack. Impatiently the nine and a half couples (it is a *gaucherie* to denote pack strength by any other count than couples) gambol around Huntsman Jones, splattering mud on his cream-white shorts and bare knees. One hound and then another straggles away momentarily, anxious to move off. Master Fales chants endlessly, urging them to stay back with Jones: "Sal, up to him. Up to him. Oh, so good, Sal. Errant, boy, go to him. Hup together. Delano, to him. Go to him, Delano. DELANO!" The whippers-in, wearing green coats like the masters, stand on either side of the pack, joining Fales's chant and cracking their whip thongs over the hound heads.

At 2:30 only eight followers (basset men dislike being called "hunters," since they do not carry guns) are on hand, but then, the "field" is seldom on time. (Always refer to all persons on the hunt, other than masters and whips, as "the field.") By 2:45 there are 32 men, ladies, girls and boys milling about, in sneakers and blue jeans, or walking shoes and flannels, tweed coats, windbreakers or lumpy sweaters—anything loose and casual, tattered or trim.

Huntsman Jones puts brass horn to lips; a soft tootling announces that the hounds are moving off. For a few out for the first time, the start may be a disappointment. At a walk Huntsman Jones leads the pack onto the macadam road toward a likely field to "draw" for a hare. The field straggles behind like the Pied Piper children of Hamelin town. There is no sudden rushing to it, no pell-mell of scrambling hounds and bounding people. Basseting is not like that. It is similar to the better-known hunt form, beagling—a slow, steady pace downroad, across country, over fence and creek, uphill and down, the whips spread out on each side and the hounds spread out across the fields, searching for the scent. When a hare is "put up," it goes more briskly and most often over harder terrain, mile after mile. Basseting and beagling differ essentially in the type of hound in the pack, basset or beagle. (For all the similarity, however, never say "beagling" when you mean "basseting" or your hunt reputation may be mired for a whole season.)

This Tewksbury pack now livening up Sundays in north Jersey is maintained on a voluntary contribution basis, open to anyone who cares to join the hunt—the field has numbered as high as 100 and averages about 42 persons each week. "We are one of the three basset packs recognized by the National Beagle Club," says Master Fales. "Why they bother to recognize bassets, I don't know, but it is

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MOVING OFF, the green-coated masters of the pack, Haliburton Fales *(left)* and James Jones, lead the bassets to a promising field to "draw for" (pick up the scent of) a hare.

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nice that they do." The Tewksbury pack is basset for a particular reason: because of the basset's shorter legs and tractable nature, riot in the pack is easier to quell than in a beagle pack. Deer are abundant in Hunterdon County, herds of a dozen head a common sight, the fallow fields crisscrossed with hoofmarks, the scent often fresh and enticing. There is a constant temptation for the bassets to break from the hare scent and riot after the deer. The whippers-in shout "Ware haunch. Ware haunch." (Lay translation: "Forget the venison haunch; get back to the hare.") But the pack might still riot, some going after the deer and some loyal to the hare scent.

TALLYHO FOR HARES ONLY

This Sunday the pack goes a quarter-mile downroad, then huntsman and whips and hounds turn into an expanse of corn stubble. John Ike, the long-striding field master, marshals the followers. This is the method: while the hounds work over the most promising area with their noses, the field spreads out behind, possibly putting up a hare for the hounds to chase. (On putting up a hare, the proper cry is "tallyho!" in the finest ringing voice. Whatever you cry in excitement, for the love of John Peel don't shout, "I flushed a rabbit." The quarry is never flushed, it is "put up," and it is not a rabbit. It is a hare, a European migrant to north Jersey, which nests atop the ground and affords a good hunt, sometimes running for hours until caught or lost. In the thickets or hedgerows adjoining the fields lives the cottontail rabbit, disdained as poor sport because he pops back into his burrow and spoils the hunt. The "put up" is a critical moment for the timid novice. He who cannot tell rabbit from hare as it flashes past had best suppress the urge to "tallyho.")

Even before the hare has been put up, basseting distinguishes itself from mounted hunting. In mounted hunts there is more obligation for the field to make a show of it, to try to keep up with the pack, often at the cost of a grieved rump or broken bone. Members of the basset field can, and do, take the weekly hunt in various ways. "It is like a drive-in movie," admits Jones, who as huntsman is necessarily intent from start to finish, "you can go and do anything you want to."

On this most recent Sunday, even before the bassets have left the macadam road, two of the field, Dr. Robert Pierce and Mr. Clark Henry, are straggling 200 yards back, discussing the local problem of heifers straying into Hell Mountain woods. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Slater, in the company of two others, consider the moist sod off the road and decide there is no point pressing the matter since there is a good chance the hounds will be doubling back. Mrs. L. W. Perrin pushes on 200 yards and decides that is far enough, seeing that she has granddaughters Barbara and Vieva in hand and her French poodles Cricket and Lulu on leash. At this moment the cry "tallyho!" goes up. There is John Ike, field master, brandishing his cane. A hare (or possibly a rabbit) flashes past Mrs. Perrin, granddaughters and poodle dogs. The poodles are disinterested, but here come the bassets bobbing, bumping across the plough furrows. The hare slips under a wire fence, then through a rail fence. The wire fence gives the basset pack some trouble, but a moment later along the rail fence bassets are pouring through every interstice, mingling full voice with the short, sharp notes of Huntsman Jones "doubling" on his horn. (When the huntsman doubles on his horn, the field knows that a hare has been put up and the serious business begins.)

THE FIELD DROPS BACK

Back across the macadam road the hounds carry the scent, up a fence line, into a copse and out. The field, following seriously, is now strung out a quarter-mile behind. Some who do not care for more hunting by foot, seeing that the hunt roughly parallels a dirt road, catch up by automobile. This maneuver can be a great assist to the hare, since car fumes obliterate the scent. It becomes more intense. Mrs. Louis Hall snags her tweed suit on barbed wire. Thirteen-year-old Annabelle Gibson sits in the road, removes her galoshes, then proceeds lighter afoot. Mrs. Walter Terry, moving with fine stride across an opening of saplings and thick weed, overlooks a wire fence lying flat and goes down as if thrown by a caltrop. She recovers and advances 20 yards to clear an aging rail fence, but her weight buckles the top rail and she goes down again.

The bassets have pressed on, more than a mile from where the hare was put up, but in the lee of a trash dump they lose the scent. They are "checked," as the phrase goes. Until

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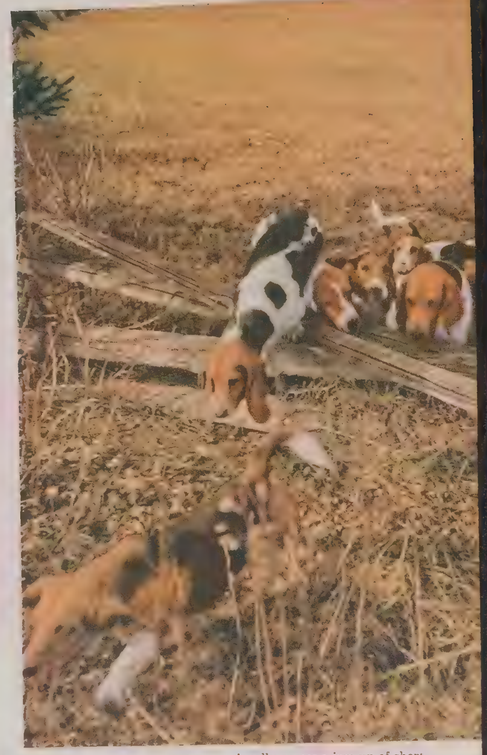
this moment, around the trash dump, Walter Reider, age 7, and his brother Michael, age 4, with cap pistols, bandannas and Stetsons, were playing a game of U.S. Cavalry and Indians. Now they desist and stand stiff and quiet lest they distract the hounds. "Please be quiet," admonishes Huntsman Jones. "They may pick it up." But it is no use, the hare scent is lost, and lost too is one of the hounds. Master Jones sounds his horn to collect the hounds, but an old bitch named Sal is missing. Sal, being deaf, has strayed after a cottontail. Whipper-in Jim Peale chases half a mile to bring her back.

BASSETS IN THE GROOVE

Without rest the huntsman leads the hounds out again across country. It is now close to 4 o'clock, a chill in the air, and the field has shrunk to six hearties. A half-mile beyond the road there is hollering and horn blowing as three deer jump and the pack riots. By this time the rest of the hunters are heading homeward or seated in rows on fence rails and culverts. A doubling on the horn drifts faintly back at 4 o'clock, but by then the last stragglers are tittering cheerily, enjoying a thermos of hot toddy behind Jim Claggett's station wagon.

Though there is only a field of two remaining with the hounds, whippers-in, and huntsman for the last seven miles, the second hare put up by the pack is magnificent. For two hours he takes the pack on a chase through the woods, across fields, into a bog, out, uphill and down, sweeping in clockwise circles (a righthanded hare, as the basseters say). The hare squats and is put up thrice, the hounds finally losing the scent on a hilltop in the last light of the day.

It has been a splendid hunt, Huntsman Jones confirms at the end. "During the hunt," he says with pride, "we put up two more hares, but the pack stayed on the first one. They were like a jazz band. In the groove all the way." To one who has not hunted, it seems strange; all that running and no hare. But it is not at all strange to the Tewksbury followers who have had the pack out over 40 times this season and have killed only two. "We like to kill hares occasionally to reward the hounds," explain Messrs. Fales and Jones, "but it really doesn't matter. It's the hunt that's important. The advantage, after all, is all with the hare." (END)



A TROUBLESOME FENCE occasionally causes a jam-up of short-legged bassets, who can only clear a height of about two and a half feet. The master sometimes must give a hound a lift over the fence, but usually the bassets are able to find a hole to wriggle through.

TRAILING A HARE, the bassets (*left*) move briskly across an open pasture. When Master Jones, trotting with them, sees the pack pick up a scent, he "doubles" (blows a rhythmic two-beat) on his horn to advise the straggling field that they are "going away" after a hare.

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WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES AT THE MEET—"Mouse" Almy, Honorary Whip; Mrs. Tuckerman, Joint-Master; Leslie Brown, huntsman, and Eddie Brown.

Waldingfield Beagles

Founded 1886, Are Disbanded—17½ Couples Go To Ligonier Valley And Pemberton Beagles

Josiah H. Child

We had our last meet of the beagles at Barney's Joy, South Dartmouth, Mass., on Sunday April 24th. It was as good a day as we have had in many a year and even though not carrying the horn, but hobbling with a cane far behind, I enjoyed every moment of it.

Leslie Brown hunted ten couple of hounds. Luckily they scarcely needed any whipping in, for Barie Whittal was mounted and Mouse Almy, tired from a week's vacation from Wellesley, couldn't seem to keep up very well. Many of the old faithful followers were there, including the Grews who brought Doris Bryant, Jane Dane and her son Nat, the Win Naylors and Don Rowan all the way from Wayland, and of course Col. Jack Mansfield and the Tuckermans.

The rabbits were plentiful and ran well, giving the hounds sight chases, hard picking on the sand dunes and good running on the pastures. The smell of the sea and the sound of the waves added to the pleasures of the afternoon. All came to our house afterwards for a convivial after-hunt party—and thus the last formal hunt of the Waldingfield Beagles ended on a pleasant note.

Two days later seven couple were picked up by Raymond, who formerly took care of the Pentucket Beagles, and is still in the employ of Mrs. G. K. Clement, widow of Kimball. They went off in a trailer marked "Pentucket Beagles" to make the long trip to Ligonier, Pa., where they are to be kenneled with the Rolling Rock Fox Hounds. They will be cared for there and hunted by George Clement. It is fitting that George should have them, because it was his father, Kimball Clement, Master of the Pentucket, who got me started in pack hunting. Kimball first took me to the Nationals in 1936. I won the National Challenge Cup that year. Each year there-

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TWO FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF THE FIELD with the Waldingfield Beagles were Don Rowna, who judged at the Bay State Trials, and Col. Jack Mansfield, who holds the record for attendance at meets for the past eight years.

Friday, November 19, 1954

Enthusiastic Beaglers Out In Full Force For Annual National Trials

It is my hope that Middleburg and Aldie enjoy the appearance of the green coats and work pants, as much as we Beaglers enjoy year after year coming back to our favorite towns and our favorite time of year at the National Beagle Club Pack Trials. This year as usual the Sir-Sister ladies and Henri Frunaret, Joint-Master with myself, arrived four days early, to prove the grounds, assimilate the air and take our leisure at the Red Fox. We attended a Middleburg Meet, we hunted Beagles all day, we saw a lot of the Iselins, and our President of the National Beagle Club, Capt. C. Oliver Iselin looks and appears twenty years younger since he has fully regained his health.

When the trials started on Thursday, there were the usual faces, plus the "North Country Beagles" from Metamora, Michigan. Mr. Reese Howard, Master, and the "Chatham Beagles" from New York, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Gammack, Master.

The trials are not yet over, and there will be a further report. In the meantime we have had wonderful weather, and are having a wonderful time, with plenty of rabbits, which makes running over the cleaned up Hills of the Institute grounds, a pleasure for all.

—Jane Dane

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(Reynolds Photo)

SOME OF THE SIR SISTER BEAGLES GETTING A GOOD LOOK FROM THEIR "GRANDSTAND SEATS".

Waldingfield Beagles

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after until the war, Kimball, Genie Fisher and I, with our hounds in the trailer, used to make the trip to Aldie together, stopping on the way at the Cowperthwaite's to take in the Gladstone Trials. There were never two better traveling companions than Kimball and Genie and the fun we had was enormous. I shall always honor the memory of Kimball as one of the people who contributed more joy and satisfaction to my life than almost anyone else. Both Kimball and Genie are gone now and so are most of the beagles, but it is a good feeling to know that the Waldingfield blood will be continued under the guidance of Kimball's son George.

A few days later Louise Bedford arrived and another seven couple of our hounds were loaded into her beach wagon to be taken to their farm in Fallston, Md., to help the Bedfords start up again their Pemberton Pack, discontinued at the time of the war. The Bedfords, Dean and Louise, always do anything they undertake well and so I have every expectation that pretty soon we will see the Pemberton Pack appearing at the Bryn Mawr Show and competing and winning at the Nationals.

They have already bred a Sandanona bitch included in their draft to our Postman, so the Waldingfield blood will continue to flow in Maryland as well as in Pennsylvania. Postman is being shipped to Long Island to become a member of the Buckram Pack. We hope that some of his progeny will soon be running along side of him in the field there.

I am keeping two of the best bitches, both are bred, one to Tango and one to Postman. The Tuckermans are keeping three bitch puppies—so the Waldingfield Pack has not disintegrated completely. We even have hopes of showing up next fall at the Trials with a two-couple pack hunted by Bayard Tuckerman, for he seems to be getting younger and younger.

Leslie Brown, who has been our devoted and keen kennel huntsman for six seasons, is going to the Liseter Beagles to act in the same capacity for Mrs. Austin Dupont at Newtown Square, Pa. He will take over Jack Carson's job for Jack like me is getting along in years and cannot run like he used to. We understand he will take over the care of the broodmares, a job he is extremely well qualified for.

And thus one recognized pack, the Waldingfield, will withdraw from the list of registered packs—but two new packs have been formed and one pack will be stimulated by a new huntsman. . . . And so, good hunting to them all. The Tuckermans and I will watch each pack with keen interest.

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THE EXPANSION OF BEAGLING

One of the most signifigant and encouraging developments in organized hunting during the past year has been the marked increase of interest in beagling. The roster of the National Beagle Club which appears elsewhere in this issue, includes six new packs. The reports which The Chronicle has published throughout the last twelve months record, again and again, the larger fields and mounting enthusiasm which everywhere prevail.

To those for whom the sweet cry of hounds is the most appealing of all music, beagling offers undeniable advantages. It can be carried on in a wide variety of locations, including countries which are becoming too built up to carry on fox hunting. The quarry, whether they be cottontails, jack rabbits or European hare, require much less protection than red foxes and are found in much greater numbers. Landowner relations are much simpler; less territory is required, there are no panels to build, and feet are reputed to do less damage than hoofs. The cost of maintaining a pack of beagles is much lower than that of maintaining a pack of foxhounds, while the beagler who is sound of wind and limb can prepare him or herself for the chase at a relatively low figure—hunting kit is less expensive and there are no horses to buy.

An even more fundamental advantage is that beagling offers an opportunity to see and appreciate hound work, uncomplicated by problems of horsemanship. By definition hunting (as contrasted with shooting) is the pursuit of game with hounds. Certainly hunting means many things to many people—not only hounds, but horses, galloping and jumping, outdoor exercise, views of the countryside, glamorous clothes, the society of one's friends, social prestige and all the rest. The fact remains, however, that hounds occupy the center of the picture and rightly so. One can go just so far and no farther with the background features, but the noble science knows no limits and offers the greatest of rewards. To your true hound man no day in the field is a bad day. If he can watch hounds work his cup is full.

Many people who become interested in foxhunting through cross country riding, as they learn more and more transfer their primary interest from horses to hounds. They are the lifelong foxhunters. When the time comes when they can no longer ride, because of age, infirmities or finances, they can still hunt on foot, from a car or from a hilltop. But for those who hunt only to ride, the game is over when the riding stops—which is often far too early in life.

It follows that one of the real problems of a Master of Foxhounds is to teach and instill in the members of his field an understanding of

and enthusiasm for hound work. There is nothing which can solve this problem as well as a pack of beagles. In fact perhaps the most signifigant development of the past year is that in addition to the six new beagle packs a seventh is in the making. Wallace C. Harrison, Master of the Rocky Fork-Headley Hunt, has obtained a draft from the Treweryn Beagles. They will be kenelled with the foxhounds and will certainly play a major part in making good foxhunters, as well as cross country riders, in that part of the world. We commend this course to the Masters of Foxhounds of this country.

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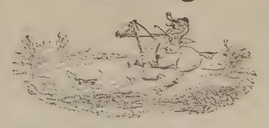

Gilbert Mather, President M. F. H. Assn., Honored By Beagle Club

Beagler

In spite of bitter cold and five inches of drifting snow, the Sportsman's Beagle Club of West Chester· Pennsylvania, held their fifth annual Jack Rabbit Trials on Sunday, February 13th at Mr. Upton Sullivan's. Goshenville. near West Chester.

Originally scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, the Saturday classes were postponed because of zero weather, clogged roads and drifting snow. All classes were run on Sunday under two sets of judges in clear but freezing weather and drifted snow.

A dinner of some 160 sportsmen, including Foxhunters, Beaglers, Gunners, Fishermen. Game Wardens. a State Senator and a local Judge, was given by the Club at the Mansion House. West Chester on Saturday night before the trials, in honor of Gilbert Mather, Esq· MFH, President of the Master's of Fox Hounds Association, who very ably judged the classes the next day.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. A. E. Parke, President of the Sportsmen's Beagle Club and Joseph H. Baldwin, proved to be a most efficient toast master. Baldwin stressed the need for cooperation and friendliness between all sportsmen; the foxhunters of the recognized packs and those who hunt a few of their own hounds, the Beaglers from recognized packs and the field trial Beaglers, the gunners who shoot birds and the rabbit shooter, the fisherman and the deer hunter. This theme of good sportsmanship and cooperation carried through all the speeches during the evening and helped to create a much better understanding between landowners and all types of sportsmen. Similar meetings could be held to good advantage in any foxhunting country.

Others at the head table included Judge MacElree, Senator "Tom" Harney, "Eddie" Collins MFH of Radnor Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. David D. Odell, Mrs. Becky Lanier Trimpi MB of the Nantucket Beagles, Dr. Joseph Connoly MB of the Buckram Beagles and Mrs. Connoly, Mrs. Jean Austin duPont MB, the Liseter Beagles and David "Bun" Sharp· MB of the Treweryn Beagles. All other neighboring packs were represented both recognized and unrecognized. Due to bad weather and other good reasons, the Masters of The Cheshire, Pickering, Eagle, Rose Tree, West Chester and Whitelands Hunts were unable to be present but all were invited. Both Chester County Game Wardens were present as well as representatives of the various gun clubs.

Among those driving a great distance through the snow storm were Mr. Alan Snowdon of Toronto, Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr. of Millbrook, N. Y. and Mr. Bill Camp with several friends from Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Mather, mounted on a big strong Chestnut Hunter, ably judged the 13" two couple pack class which brought out seven packs with the first going to The Treweryn after a short driving hunt through deep drifted snow.

Mrs. duPont and "Ed" Quigley ex-huntsman of The Rose Tree, both well mounted, drew an entry of four 15" two couple packs and selected Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing's Sandanona winner after a long drive and a 1½ mile point.

After a hasty lunch of hot soup· sandwiches, steaming hot coffee in Mr. Sullivan's good warm farmhouse, we again took to horse for the judges and to rubbers for the exhibitors and followed the two open pack stakes. These were called "combined packs" and consisted of not more than two hounds from each owner. Each hound had a number painted on his back. The 13" pack drew 17 entries with the first going for the second successive year to an outsanding bitch, "Sally Dell Sue" owned by Joseph Sharp, Glen Moore, Pa.

This class was judged by Mr. Mather and "Bun" Sharp (no relation to the winner!) The 15" pack started with 10 hounds and was won by a very strong running and steady black and tan dog, "Rolling Rock" owned by Edward Sheller, of West Chester. The same judges together with Mrs. duPont made the awards.

The Summaries

15-Inch, 2 Couple Packs — 1. Sandanona Beagles (Morgan & Ann Wing, Millbrook, N. Y.; 2. Luck Hill Beagles (Wm. & Charles Fitzgerald, West Chester); 3. Buckram Pack (Dr. Jos. B. Connelly, Brookfield, N. Y.); 4. Treweryn Beagles (David Sharp, Berwyn).

13 Inch· 2 Couple Packs — 1. Treweryn Beagles; 2. Buckram; 3. Sandaona; 4. Joy and Chatwood Beagles (Tony Sume & Al Wertz, West Chester); Reserve-Liseter Beagles (Mrs. Austin duPont, Newtown Square).

13-Inch, Combined Packs — Sally Dell Sue (Joseph Sharp, Glen Moore); 2. Holly Run June (Bill Camp, Franklin, Va.); 3. Rawsdale Driver (Bill Camp); 4. Glen View Wheelerette (Joe Sharp); Reserve-Rocco's Black Beaty (Dan Morocco, Trenton, N. J.).

15-Inch, Combined Packs — 1. Rolling Rock (Edward Sheller, West Chester); 2. Rocco's Little Danny (Dan Morocco); 3. Sandanona Barbarry (Morgan & Ann Wing); 4. Holly Run Bob (Bill Camp); Reserve — O'Donnell's Mike Boy (Harry) O'Donnell, Quarryville, Pa.

The Little Elk Beagles Introducing Cecil County Pony Club To Beagling

Carl Robinson, M. B.

Beagling is the name of the sport of following on foot a pack of beagles (a small hound, usually 13 to 15 inches high) trained to trail their quarry by scent alone. The natural quarry of the beagle (pronounced Bee-gal) is either the hare or the cottontail rabbit. Beagling is a sport many hundreds of years old, far older than foxhunting as we know it. It has been a popular sport in the British Isles and in France for many generations. Today the number of beagle packs in England alone exceed 100. In our country there are only about 18 or 20 organized packs of beagles although there are hundreds of beagle clubs which hold field trials for single hounds. A beagle pack is any number of beagles trained to hunt together as a team under the command of the Master or huntsman. Size of a pack from 2 couples upward. Usually about 5-10 couples. Hounds are counted by "couples", meaning two; such as, 1 couple means 2 hounds, 2 couples means 4 hounds, etc. Couple has no reference to a hound's sex. Dogs and bitches alike are counted as "couples".

Beagling like foxhunting involves no firearms, depending on the thrill of the chase alone to show sport. For a pack of domestic animals trained and conditioned, to meet a wild animal in his natural habitat and to attempt to beat him at his own game offers to the Foxhunter and beagler alike the prospect of a few hours of real sport. Hunting with a pack of beagles offers many joys to the lover of the outdoors and is one of the healthiest ways for us all to satisfy the natural love of the chase which is so inherent in most of us.

One of the benefits of beagling for a group of young people, who hope some day to enjoy the thrills of foxhunting, is that it affords a real opportunity to understand and appreciate the work of the hounds, without which foxhunting becomes just a ride across the country side. The true foxhunter who retains his devotion to the sport for a lifetime knows that his sport depends first, on the hounds and second, on the horse. Without a well trained pack of hounds there could be no foxhunting as we know it. Since beagling and foxhunting are so similar the things learned about the one also apply to the other.

The Quarry: The Hare or the Cottontail Rabbit. The hare lives in the open and is hunted there, mostly over pastures, meadows, and open fields. The hare is larger than the rabbit that we see so often and unlike him will rarely go to ground (taking shelter in a hole or some other form of protection). He is very fast and depends on his speed and cunning to elude the hounds. In this he is very much like the fox whom he compares with in size.

The cottontail rabbit, on the other hand, generally lives in or near heavy cover (hedgerows, vines, and tangle) where he can find ready protection from his enemies. He is nevertheless just as cunning in his way as the hare or fox and seems to enjoy being chased by the hounds, until he gets tired or is pushed too hard when he will usually seek shelter in a hole or fallen tree. He is inclined to run in such a way as to try to come back to where he started. In this way you can almost say he runs in circles. When pushed hard, however, he can become as unpredictable as the fox.

The hunt will probably follow this pattern: The huntsman and his "whips" ("Whiper-in" or assistant to the huntsman which together makes up the hunt staff) will take the pack to a place where there is likely to be cottontails who are used to being chased by hounds. He will then cast his hounds by a note on the horn and encourage them by voice to find the scent of a rabbit or to rouse one where it maybe squatting in the grass.

The field (spectators) should spread out at this point **behind** the hounds so that they too can have a part in scaring up a rabbit. In you do stir one up you may call "Tally-ho" and carefully mark his course so that the huntsman can put the hounds on his trail. Do not attempt to chase him before the hounds are on, as this may spoil the line (scent). You will be able to tell when the hounds are getting "warm" by a lively wagging of their tails, which are held erect. Tails are called "sterns" and wagging is called "feathering". The hound who first smells the scent will announce the fact by "speaking" or giving tongue. The other hounds will immediately come to him to get a whiff of this scent which is so exciting to them. If they can smell the scent also, they will all speak in a chorus and take off in the direction the rabbit has gone making a great cry as they go. This blood stirring chorus is sweet music to the hound lover and adds excitement to the chase. As long as the pack is on the line they will continue speaking; when they stop speaking they have lost the scent temporarily. This is called a "check". The hounds must then search carefully from the point they last smelled the scent in an effort to find it again. When they do they will take up the cry again. In this manner the pack will trail the rabbit for as long as he wants to stay above ground or until he gets tired and seeks shelter.

The Field is expected to follow the hunt in the same general path the hounds have taken, making sure they stay behind the Master, the huntsman & the hounds. They must not:

1. Crowd the hounds too closely—keep about 20 yards behind.
2. Surround the hounds at a check.
3. Talk within earshot of the hounds at a check. The hounds must concentrate on finding the scent with their noses and the sound of strange voices causes them to lift their heads, which could cause them to miss the scent.
4. Take short cuts to get closer to the rabbit—this might "foil" or ruin the scent.
5. Speak to or pet any of the hounds until after the hunt is over.

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North Country Beagles Visit Blue Ridge Hunt

Thus far in the North Country's first season as a registered pack, hounds have met 31 times. Though sport has been marred somewhat by the confirmed dearth of cotton tails, a considerable number of days were near great. While cotton tail is hunted primarily, occasional hare-hunting has been enjoyed.

Prior to the opening of the season, in fact early in the summer, the North Country's Puppy Show was held at the Metamora Club with almost a hundred in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., Joint Masters of the Sandanona Beagles, judged, and of particular interest to everyone were Morgan's preliminary remarks regarding the beagles standard and its purposes. The puppies were walked by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pardee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett, Emory Clark II, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dryer, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton M. Higbie, and Mr. and Mrs Edward C. Parker. Every entry was in excellent condition and had been leash and collar broken. The children who handled their charges did so extermely well and were to be complimented. Handlers were Billy and Suzie Pardee, Polly Deming, Suzie Garlinghouse and Mary Lou Salzman. Results of the five classes were as follows:

Bitches—1st—Bashful, walked by Mr. and Mrs. Dryer.

Dogs—1st—Banco, walked by Mr. and Mrs. Pardee.

Best Puppy—Banco.

Best Condition—Banco.

Best Trained—Barmaid, walked by Mr. and Mrs. Pardee.

The care and attention to the pack. The performance of the new entry this season has been due in a large measure to their efforts and interest.

The staff of the North Country is as follows: Reese E. Howard, Master; Miss Charlotte Nichols, Assistant Huntsman; Dean Bedford, Jr. Honorary Secretary; Charles K. Backus, Mrs Reese E. Howard, Emory Clark II, William R. Clark, Jr., Honorary Whippers-In.

The Hunt Committee Chairman is Charles K. Backus. Miss Mary Boyer is Treasurer, and Dean Bedford, Jr., Secretary. Other members of the Hunt Committee are Mrs. C. M. Higbie, Mrs. Roy D. Chapin, Jr., Preston Mann, Peter Det-Stroh, Miss Charlotte Nichols, Peter Detwiler, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard. An Honorary Member of the Hunt Committee is Mr. Edward C. Parker, M. F. H., who replaced Mr. Ben Colman, ex-M. F. H., whose presence on the committee last year was most appreciated.

The first notable day of the season was when the North Country was invited by the Joint-Masters of the London Hunt of London, Ontario to hunt their country. Ontario offers a magnificent situation since, not only is the country grand and the people most hospitable and sporting, but, as well, native European Hare abound. Such quarry are only found now in two countries in the United States—those hunted by the Sandanona Beagles of Millbrook, New York and the Tewksbury Foot Bassets of Far Hills. The meet was at Silo Farm of Colonel and Mrs. Fuller and we hunted primarily on the farm of Mr. Smallman. A field of over sixty turned out and though scent again seemed poor, a grand day was had Bill Battin of the terrible Treweryn's visited for the weekend, whipped-in, and was of great assistance.

The North Country was greatly honored October 17th by being invited to have a joint-meet with the Whitford Beagles of Gates Mills, Ohio. This marked the opening meet of the Whitford's twenty-fifth season. Andy Ford, Master of the Whitford, has been of great assistance to the North Country and we hope that our joint meets will continue for at least twenty-five more years. Again, scenting conditions left much to be desired. Unfortunately, one hare was chopped, though another was soon found. After a fast burst across some plow on the Circle W Farm, hounds were at fault, loosing in a field of corn. Hounds were cast to no avail and were picked up after a short, but enjoyable afternoon.

The week following the Gladstone and National Pack Trials, the North Country enjoyed the hospitality of the Blue Ridge Hunt Kennels M. F. H., arranged for our hounds to remain at the Blue Ridge Hunt kennels during our stay in Clarke County. Needless to say we accepted Alex's invitation to meet at the Blue Ridge Country Day School and on that drizzly Thursday afternoon drew the old orchard east of Mount Airy. Rollie Mitchell whipped in and was rumored to have muttered about wanting his old Cleveland Bay. Several cottontails were found and we had a number of fast bursts. We hope that the children and others who followed hounds that afternoon enjoyed the day as much as did we.

By far the best hunt of the season occurred December 12, when again the North Country was invited to meet at Silo Farm near London. The day, for the first time all autumn, provided near perfect scenting conditions though an intermittent snow fell and lay under foot. We drew south in the field near Silo and our quarry, an enormous hare, was viewed away towards the east. Hounds were laid on and carried the line eastward then north about a half a mile. The hare apparently squatted, hounds over-running, and after a short check, she was viewed again going south Soon she turned right-handed, through the Smallman woods, and another fast burst. After an hour and a quarter with only three short checks, hounds rioted briefly (cottontail), but were soon put on the line and were driving hard, though now in a much larger loop which went west and then south to the river. After another check and a momentarily crossing the line of a fox we tried back, finding once again with all on and in full cry. After another long run, hounds were picked up. Three hours of the finest hunting we have had and in all, our quarry viewed seven or eight times. A grand day!

The North Country is maintained as a community affair and as such this year there has been a meet each week for the children of the Kingsbury School. Miss Nichols hunted hounds, Mrs. Howard whipped-in, and both have done superbly. It is our hope that by our providing this participation in a sport of the chase, not only will the children have a different form of exercise, but at the same time encourage sportsmanship, interest in hounds and hunting, and furnish a background for their becoming future foxhunters as well as Beaglers.

A measure of success toward this end has been accomplished. Essays on Foxhunting recently were composed by the children, though few had foxhunted. Reflected in each paper was not only the knowledge acquired through following beagles, but as well the spirit of sports of the chase. Though discontinued because of the cold weather, the meets at the Kingsbury School will be continued in the Spring and will be regular fixtures next season.

There are two fixtures of a special nature that will occur before the season ends. Both we are anticipating with great interest and pleasure. The North Country has been invited by the District Commissioner of the London Hunt Branch of the Pony Club and the Joint-Masters, to have a special meet for the Pony Club members. Through participation of the children and their being able to watch hound work close at hand, we hope their interest in hounds and foxhunting will be furthered.

April 9th and 10th there will be our final meet and puppy show. This year we hope to have entries from the Whitford Beagles of Gates Mills, Ohio and as well puppies from the newly established Royal Canadian School of Infantry Beagles, Camp Borden, Ontario. Invited to judge are Mr. and Mrs Morgan Wing, Jr., Joint-Masters of the Sandonona, and Mr. Dean Bedford, Master of the Pemberton Beagles. There will be open classes for those in the country who have puppies to enter and a children's handling class. If Morgan brings his conch shell, there will also be a horn blowing contest open to all. The week-end promises to be fun and we hope that there will be many joining us.

In retrospect, the season thus far has been a good one—though we hope that sport will better and that more will be out to enjoy it.

WHO SAYS A DOG'S LIFE ISN'T LUXURIOUS?

WHEN this pack of beagles makes one of its frequent trips to shows or hunts, it travels in the Chrysler New Yorker Town and Country Wagon shown here with Mrs. Edward Dane, of Brookline, Mass., its owner. Mrs. Dane is joint master, with Henri Pruneret, of the Sir Sister Beagles, a championship pack that has been in existence since 1898. The hounds have taken many first places in the National beagle trials and in hunts at Marthas Vineyard and Natick, Mass. They are affectionately known as Jane Dane's "Red Devils."

Mrs. Dane says that the Town and Country makes driving between her home and Virginia just a delight. In addition to this car, the family has a Chrysler Crown Imperial and several Plymouths on its estate, "Roughwood."

In addition to her fame in the hunting field, Mrs. Dane has won honors in other kinds of horsewomanship. She also is active in philanthropic affairs. Mr. Dane is President of the Brookline Trust Company and a Director of many important organizations. He is a Selectman in the town. One of his hobbies is yachting.

The Danes are longtime customers of Alfred W. Hurwitz, Chrysler dealer in Brookline, from whom the Town and Country illustrated here was purchased.

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NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

66th Annual Field Trial Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—52 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner
1st	Chaseaway Call Boy	R. E. Sawhill
2nd	Trumpit	W. P. Land
3rd	Forest Mt. Cho Cho	F. P. Seaboldt
4th	Todsky's Pat	R. Todhunter, Jr.
Res.	Brown's Ben IV	E. A. Brown

13-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—80 Starters

1st	Pearl of Paradise	Z. R. Henry
2nd	John's Joy	J. Folk
3rd	Lake Side Minnie	G. R. Slater
4th	Gress Toben	C. E. Gress
Res.	Granny Creek Blue Babe	Frank Jacobs

15-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—22 Starters

1st	Cabo's Mt. Bing	M. C. Bowman
2nd	Redmartin Jack	W. S. Martin
3rd	Mill Road Scrapper	B. Skinner
4th	Glover's Old Dom. Rusty	E. E. Glover
Res.	Hill View Rickie's Sport	J. A. Dougherty

15-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—38 Starters

1st	Wildwood Magic	N. M. Holdsworth
2nd	Beallwood's Mickey	T. Sandusky
3rd	Glover's Mississippi Bessy	E. E. Glover
4th	Cochran's Windy	E. R. Cochran
Res.	Hill View Beauty	J. A. Dougherty

JUDGES

STEW SCHWARTZ, Cincinnati, Ohio ROY BUDNICK, Philadelphia, Pa.

PACK STAKES

FOXCATCHER PLATE—13-Inch—Two Couple—11 Packs

Packs		Owners	Address
1st	Liscter II	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Sq., Pa.
2nd	Ligonier Valley	George C. Clement	Ligonier, Pa.
3rd	Waldingfield	Josiah Child	Westwood, Mass.
Res.	Sir Sister	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.

WHEATLEY FRANTIC CUP—15-Inch—Two Couple—18 Packs

1st	North Country I	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
2nd	Treweryn	Sir-Sister Beagles	Berwyn,Pa.
3rd	Waldingfield	Josiah Child	Westwood, Mass.
Res.	Briarwood	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.

SOMERSET CHALLENGE CUP—Four Couple—11 Packs

1st	North Country	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
2nd	Sir Sister	Sir-Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
3rd	Waldingfield	Josiah Child	Westwood, Mass.
Res.	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Va.

WATCHMAN CUP—Eight Couple—6 Packs

1st	Raynham	Mrs. Edward H. Carle	Keswick, Pa.
2nd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	Sir Sister	Sir Sisters Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Liseter	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Sq., Pa.

MINSTREL PLATE—13-Inch—THREE HOUR STAKE—13 Entries

1st	Briarwood Dandy	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.
2nd	Liseter Ruby	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Sq., Pa.
3rd	Briarwood Smokey	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.
4th	Liseter Moonlight	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Sq., Pa.
Res.	Sandanona V. S. Blotter	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

HUNTSMAN: Reese E. Howard

TREWERYN FORGER CUP—15-Inch—THREE HOUR STAKE—16 Entries

1st	Liseter Lofty	Mrs. J. Austin DuPont	Newtown Sq., Pa.
2nd	Treweryn Burgess	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	North Country's Sandanona Merrymaker II	Reese E. Howard	Oxford, Michigan
4th	Roger Wiliam's Cry	Roger Williams	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Old Chatham's V. S. Stormer	Old Chatham Beagles	Old Chatham, N. Y.

HUNTSMAN: Willis Myers

BOHEMIA RIVER PLATE (Bassets)—Two Couple—3 Packs

1st	Poona	Kent and Adele Leavitt	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Tewksbury	Tewksbury Bassets	Gladstne, N. J.
3rd	Timber Ridge	Charles R. Rogers	Hampstead, Md.

TURNBULL CUP
Best 15-Inch Beagle
Sir Sister Cornelia (bitch)
Sister Ebro-Sir Sister Sue)
Waldingfield Prophet (dog)
h. Amawalk Link-W. Pumpkin)

HN C. BAKER JR. PLATE
Four Couple Packs
Field Work 50%
Show Qualities 50%
rth Country-Res. Waldingfield

OBERT P. W. HARRISON
MEMORIAL TROPHY
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3rd Treweryn 20 Points

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wn	Easton, Md.
Scarlet Piping	St. Michaels, Md.
	Ligonier, Pa.
Light Blue Piping	Newtown Square, Pa.
	Elkton, Md.
Blue, Black Piping	Jarrettown, Pa.
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Piping	Oxford, Michigan
Green Piping	Old Chatham, N. Y.
Green Piping	Fallston, Md.
	Keswick, Va.
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	Gates Mill, Ohio
Blue Piping	Middleburg, Va.

ASSETS, HARRIERS)

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on	Red Bank, N. J.
lay Gold Coat	Millbrook, N. Y.
	Chester Springs, Pa.
Green, Gold Piping	Fairville, Pa.
Robins Egg Blue	Gladstone, N. J.
Old Gold, Blue Piping	Hampstead, Md.

Stockford Bassets	1932	Alfred E. Bissell	Green, Gold Piping	Fairville, Pa.
Tewksbury Bassets	1950	James Jones and Haliburton Fales	Robins Egg Blue	Gladstone, N. J.
Timber Ridge Bassets	1947	Charles R. Rogers	Old Gold, Blue Piping	Hampstead, Md.

*Harriers

Advise Secretary of any changes in Master or Active and Inactive Status of Packs

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1949 Hurry, Renwick W.
Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.
1953 Hurry, Eleanor
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Gladstone, N. J.
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1948 Weybright, Victor
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Wawa, Pa.
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11 West Cedar St., Boston, Mass.
1938 Williams, H. Justice
901 President Trust Bldg., Phil., Pa.
1955 Williams, John S., Jr.
Old Chatham, N. Y.
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1954 Wing, Miss Whitney
Princeton, New Jersey
1938 Wing, Morgan, Jr.
305 East 61st St., New York 21, N. Y.
1946 Wing, Mrs. Morgan, Jr.
Millbrook, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
1940 Wolcott, Mrs. Oliver
Hamilton, Mass.
1931 Wolcott, Oliver
Hamilton, Mass.
1951—Worth, Donald
Somerset, Va.

1954 Young, Roger A.
Millbrook, N. Y.

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SCENES AT THE NATIONAL PACK STAKES

Top, left: George Clement, Master of the Ligonier Valley Beagles, and his two whips, wife Ann, and Kit Bughman. Top, center: Smiles from Anne Wing and Barrie Whithall are typical of National atmosphere. These two young ladies were whips during the pack events. Top, right: the Old Chatham two-couple pack ready to go down, Henry Gammack, Field Master, Mrs. Gammack, Master, Allen Snowden, and Al Callan, Master and Huntsman. Center, left: The two judges of the pack stakes, John K. Cowperthwaite, former master of the Readington Foot Beagles, and Owen Payne, a breeder of field champions from Fort Thomas, Ky. Center photo: Allen Snowden, an old timer from Ottawa, Canada, former master of the Don Valley Beagles, follows a race on horseback. Center, right: The North Country 4-couple pack ran to a kill to score a win. Here they are being ordered up after the kill, with Reese Howard, Charlie Backus and Morgan Wing, Jr., on hand, and in the lower left photo Reese Howard is shown with the pack at scene of the kill. Bottom, center: Keenly watching a hunt are Mrs. Henry Gammack (Hep), joint master of the Old Chatham Foot Beagles, Leslie Brown, Huntsman of the Waldingfield, and Tom Fulweiler of the Treweryn. Bottom, right Mr. Kent and his daughter Adele win 1st place with their pack of Poona bassets.

Kent and Adele, moved in with their Poona cheese and Poona bassets. Friday evening, the Sir Sister group entertained at cocktails. As one of the hostesses, I may only say I hope everyone had as good a time as I enjoyed.

Saturday saw the finish of the four couple pack, which I haven't mentioned as yet. There were eleven of these packs, and North Country won with a hard driving run to a kill. Sir Sister was second with the most improved huntsman of the year at the helm, my joint master, Henri Prunaret. Third place was won by the Waldingfield, with Barrie Whithall, whip extraordinaire, and the Raynham took reserve. At one point during these races, Charley and Mrs. Carle rode up the hill to seek out the judges, and upon asking which way they might go to find them

SCENES AT THE NATIONAL PACK STAKES

Top, left: Mr. and Mrs. Ned Carle, Co-Masters, with their four-couple Raynham pack. Top, center: Charles Backus and Reese Howard, Co-Masters of the North Country Beagles, shown with their National Challenge Cup winning two-couple pack. This is a show award. Master and Huntsman Leroy H. Blackwelder, and children who whipped for him, shown with the Blackwelder four-couple pack. This pack consists of 4 littermates (Buddy Line Venture x Waldingfield Trinket). Second row, left: Mrs. Jean Austin DuPont, huntsman Willis Myers, and John DuPont, whip, shown with their Liseter two-couple pack, which won 1st place in field competition. Second row, center: Champion bitch at Bryn Mawr, best bitch at Boston, and best 15 Inch bitch at the National this season. Second row, right: part of the gallery waiting for the show to start; Mrs. Carle, John DuPont, Willis Myers, judge I. W. (Ike) Carrel, Mrs. Robert Slike, Dr. Frank Whitehouse, Mrs. William DuPont, Mrs. Morgan Wing, Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Adele Leavitt, and Barry Whitall. Third row, left: Henry and Mrs. Prunarett and Jane Dane starting afield with the Sir Sister 8-couple pack. Third row, center: Mr. and Mrs. John Eyre with their Tewkesbury Foot bassets. Three basset packs were entered in a separate event at the National this year, the event being won by the Poon bassets, hunted by Mr. and Mrs. Kent Leavitt. Third row, right: This year's winners of the 2-hour, free-for-all pack stake were, in order, Willis Myers with Liseter Lofty, David Sharp with Treweryn Burgess, Charles Backus with North Country Merrimaker, and Roger Williams with Williams' Cry. The Reserve hound has many field trial places. Bottom, left: Reese Howard and Charles Backus with the North Country 4-couple pack show winners. Bottom, center: Jane Dane and Mildred Prunarett with the Sir Sister 2-couple pack. Bottom, right: Leslie Brown with Waldingfield Novice, winner of the Liseter Plate for best 13 inch dog or bitch entered in the show. Morgan Wing, master of the *Sandanona* pack, is shown receiving the 2nd place award from the old master himself, I. W. (Ike) Carrel, who judged the show.

HUNTING

Beagle Division At Bryn Mawr Larger Than Ever Basset Hounds Have Enthusiastic Followers

The Beagle division of the Bryn Mawr Hound Show was larger than ever. Actually, twice the number of hounds were entered as compared with 1954. This year's judge was Mr. Clinton Callahan of Huntingdon, Long Island. His duties in the face of such a large entry were carried out with dispatch. It was evident that among the points of emphasis were bone, heads and general condition. Many hounds seemed to carry too much flesh. This was not to the liking of the judge.

The classes for 13" dog hounds turned into a Liseter marathon with Treweryn and Buckram dividing the seconds and the thirds. A good unentered 13" dog-Liseter Laddie '55 by Liseter Merry Lad '47—Baldwin's Gossip won his class handily. Liseter Reveler '53 by Liseter Merry Lad '47—their Rakish and Liseter Merry Messanger '50 by Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl, won the entered dog class and the stallion classes respectively. Merry Lad with two of his get won the class for stallions and two of get while Merry Messanger was adjudged champion dog. The couple of dog hounds was won by Liseter Reveler '53 and Merry Messanger '50.

The tables turned somewhat in the 15" division. Buckram Bellman by Ch. Chessman of Walnut Hall—Buckram Bargain '53, an unentered hound of outstanding bone and substance won both the unentered dog class and became the Champion 15" dog. In the entered dog class Liseter again took the silk with first and second place going to Liseter Famous '53 by Liseter Fair Play '52—their Joyful and Liseter Fair Play '52 by Liseter Flyer—their Rakish. The Old Chatham Foot Beagles were awarded third place with Don Valley Citation '49 by Kay's General Mack—Don Valley Chatterbox. It was wonderful to see the Old Chatham present.

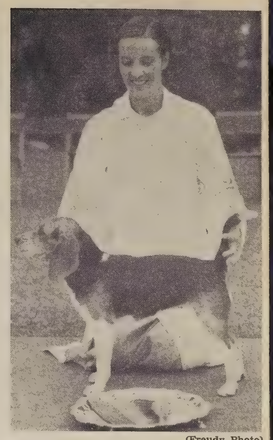
A new winner came to the fore in the class for couples of 15" dogs any age. Sandanona won their first class of the day with their Lasher by Liseter Merry Lad '48—Vernon Somerset Mavis '52 and Vernon Somerset Mudlark '52 by Vernon Somerset Market '43—their Brassy. Second went to Old Chatham and third to Little Prospect.

In the afternoon the bitch classes were held. The Champion 13" bitch was Buckram Beauty by Chessman of Walnut Hall—Buckram Bargain '52 who had also won the unentered bitches. Reserve went to Liseter Passion '52 by Liseter Fair Play '52—their Loyalty '51. Treweryn won the Brood Bitch 13" class with Vernon Somerset—Dora '52 by Vernon Somerset Melvin '50—Dummer Dairymaid '50. Dora also won the class for 13" brood bitches with two of her get (Treweryn Dealer by Treweryn Bender '46 and Treweryn Driver '54 by Treweryn Bugler '51.

Liseter placed first and second in the class for couples of bitches any age 13 inches. First were Pensive and Passion both by Liseter Fair-Play '50—their Loyalty '51. Second went to a couple made up of Liseter Fairy '53 by Liseter Fair-Play—their Joyful and Ladybird by Fair Play—Loyalty. Third prize went to Sandanona. This completed the classes for 13" Bitches.

In the classes for 15" Bitches the Nantucket Beagles became prominent. Mrs. "Bunny" Sharp is master of this pack. Their Barmaid by Treweryn Bugler '51—Nantucket Hoodwink '53 was the best unentered bitch. Second was awarded to Liseter Darkness by Meadow Lark Ruffage—Liseter Queen. Third place to Nantucket Buxom, litter sister to Barmaid.

In the class for entered bitches 15" Liseter returned the winner with Merry Maid II, by Merry Lad '47—their Queen. Old Chatham received second with Sandanona Minuet '54 by Vernon Somerset Mowbray—Sandanona Mystery. It was a pleasure to see the Little Elk of which Carl Robinson is master, come into the ribbons for third place, with Little Elk Sheba '54 by Ellson Worthy—their Scarlet.



(Freudy Photo)

Buckram Beagles' Beauty, National Beagle Club Challenge Trophy winner—the best 13" Beagle.

The next class was for brood bitches and was won by Nantucket Hoodwink '53 by Nantucket Ruffian '46—their Hesperus '46. This was an outstanding win because the class contained a former Peterborough winner. Second was Sandanona Melody '51 by Wolver Baker '47—Vernon Somerset Mystery. The champion bitch 15" was handily won by Nantucket Hoodwink and a popular win it was. Reserve was given to Liseter Merry Maid II.

The class for brood bitches with two of her get was won by Hoodwink with Buxom and Barmaid. The next class of real interest was for two couples of Beagles any age, 15". A popular win was made by Sandanona with a very evenly matched lot, and second went to Nantucket with a young two couple all by Treweryn Bugler '51—Nantucket Hoodwink '53.

The National Beagle Club Challenge Cup for the best 13" Beagle dog or bitch bred and owned by exhibitor was won by Buckram Beauty by Ch. Chessman of Walnut Hall — Buckram Bargain '53. Beauty is an unentered hound. Second in this important class went to Liseter Merry Messanger '50 by Liseter Flyer '49—Snappy Girl. The class for 15" was probably the most difficult class for the judge even though only two hounds competed — Nantucket Hoodwink and Buckram Bellman. Both were outstanding individuals. Bellman placed first. The judge probably liked the added substance which Bellman carried, even though Hoodwink is not lacking in that department.

The last class was for packs in which five competed — Two 15" pack and three 13" packs. The Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup for the best five couple of Beagles was awarded to the Treweryn 13" Pack which automatically gave them the Liseter Hall Trophy for the best 13" pack. Second place was awarded to the Liseter Beagles and third to Sandanona Beagles. Treweryn's hounds showed gaily and their excellent condition was in their favor in spite of the fact it was a mixed pack. The Little Prospect Beagles and the Nantucket Beagles exhibited a 15" pack. It was interesting to see the Nantucket Beagles since most of the pack was only six months old. They handled like veterans and were very popular.

On Saturday morning the usual hare hunt was held. Ten and a half couple of Treweryn hounds and two couple each from Nantucket, Buckram, Liseter, Old Chatham and Little Prospect met at Mr. Samuel Eckert's farm at seven. For two hours this pack hunted as though they had been together always. Scent was only fair which was good because of the varied sizes of the hounds. For two hours everyone enjoyed an interesting hunt after three hares. It was interesting to see 20½ couple around the Huntsman's feet without any regard for the whereabouts of their owners.

A breakfast was held at the Radnor Hunt Club for all the visitors.

—J. G. L., Jr.

BUCKRAM'S BELLMAN — CHAMPION BEAGLE (15 INCH) EITHER SEX — 1955

TIMBER RIDGE — CHAMPION FIVE COUPLE OF BASSETS — 1955

TREWERYN BEAGLES — BEST FIVE COUPLE OF BEAGLES — 1955

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS—Dr. Francis R. Whitehouse, 1901 Quarry Rd., and son Tommy, with two pure-bred Beagle hounds that placed first and third in National Beagle Field Trials last weeke nd at Aldie. At left is Briar Run Dandy, first place, and the other is Briarwood Smokey, which placed third. Tommy holds the silver plate won by Dandy. (Staff Photo by James Murdock)

Mid-Winter Beagle Field Trials At Westtown, Pa.

Drawing hounds from four states and attracting over 450 persons during the two-day event, the Sixth Annual Mid-Winter Beagle Field Trial saw winners named in four different events.

With veteran sportsman Joe Baldwin running the program, the trials on Saturday, March 3rd, were run on the property of Russell and Marshall Jones in Westtown. Pa., while Sunday's events were held on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Young. The largest crowd (some 300 people) attended the Sunday trials to see Joe Sharp's Valley Del's Sue win the 13 inch combined pack trial in the morning and William King's Westhaven Emperor take top honors in the 15 inch combined pack event.

Saturday morning's 13 inch two couple trial was won, for the second year in a row, by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing's Sandanona Beagles, from Millbrook, N. Y. On Saturday afternoon, Anthony Garvan's Little Prospect Beagles won both first and second places in the 15 inch two couple event.

Twelve packs were entered in the 13 inch, two couple event, ten packs in the 15 inch, two couple program, while 25 dogs vied for honors in the combined 15 inch pack. Eighteen entries were included in the combined 13 inch event. Judges for Saturday's program were Thomas Simmons, Edgemont, former MFH, Rose Tree Hunt and Dr. Wellington Howell, Lambertville, N. J. Yesterday's officials included Simmons and Gilbert Mather, MFH, Brandywine Hunt.

Summaries of the trials are as follows:

13 Inch, 2 Couple — 1. Sandanona Beagles, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Millbrook, N. Y. 2. Turn Taps Beagles, Chester. 3. Chesco Beagles, Downingtown. 4. Clearfield Beagles.

15 Inch, 2 Couple — 1. Little Prospect Beagles, Anthony Garvan, Whitemarsh. 2. Prospect Beagles, Anthony Garvan, Whitemarsh. 3. Nantucket Beagles, Mrs. David Sharp, Lionville. 4. Sandanona Beagles, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Wing, Millbrook, N. Y.

15 Inch, Combined Pack — 1. Westhaven Emperor, William King, White Horse. 2. Big Trouble, Bud Sheller, West Chester. 3. Klair's Chum, Raymond Hause, Cheyney. 4. Bellhop, Liseter Beagles, Newtown Square.

13 Inch, Combined Pack — 1. Valley Del's Sue, Joe Sharp, Glen Moore. 2. Peachbottom Yestette, M. Cassady. 3. Brainerd Bantam, Art Brown, Downingtown. 4. Towerview Nanny.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES

Gustave Muss-Arnolt (1858-1927)

Courtesy Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Details on Page 35

Waldingfield Beagles On Cover Of Beagle Issue

Of our cover picture the owner, Bayard Tuckerman writes:—

This portrait of the four Waldingfield Beagles was left to me by my cousin, James W. Appleton, who started the Waldingfield Beagles in 1886. He was also for over twenty-five years M.F.H. of the Myopia Hounds. He left the beagles to his niece, Mrs. Oliver Wolcott. After the war they were taken over by Josiah H. Child and my wife, Milicent E. Tuckerman.

Gustave Muss-Arnolt, the artist, was born in 1858, died in 1927. He was commissioned by August Belmont to do the Meadow Brook Hunt Meet at Old Westbury Pond in 1885. He also did a portrait of my cousin Francis R. Appleton's "King Cole", famous hunter of that time. This horse is buried under the hunters oak at Appleton Farms.

Oriole, Hermes, Bridget and Sargent (the names of the hounds from left to right) are very familiar figures in my mind to this day as I hunted regularly with them whipping-in to my cousins, James W. and Charles L. Appleton.

Bridget was the oldest of the hounds in the painting. She was whelped in 1898, was a member of Mr. Appleton's Rockefeller Cup Pack and was part of the winning two couple at the National Beagle Trials in 1901.

Oriole and Sargent were whelped in 1902 and were also top winners. Sargent won the National Three Hour Stake in 1905. Hermes was bred by my uncle George B. Post's Somerset Beagles and given to Mr. Appleton. He was whelped in 1901 and was one of the foundation sires of the Waldingfield pack. All four of these hounds had a great deal of imported blood in them and had many wins alone and in company to their credit.

(Marshall Hawkins Photo)

Children of Morgan Wing, Jr. and beagle puppy pose for the camerman.

Love in Bloom

Whitney Wing
Trapped by "Poopie"

Counterfeit ?!' ?
L. to R.
Sally McKiver
Berri Whittall

The Trewern A. A.
"Subscribers"

Masters Sharp & Howard
dividing the Spoils

W. W. IV & Adele Leavitt

L. to R.
Junior, Charlie Kirk &
Prarie

Red Hunt
"When is the Beagle Ball?"

Trewerym Master Sharp
"On The Ball !!"

Poopie Battin acclaimed Trial's
Most Eligible?
with Trophy

Trewerym H. S.??!!

Bellamy watching judging
The couple 13 inch

The Kennels

The Field

Field keeping a close "eye"
on The [illegible]

Pemberton 4 couple

Cabin Life
D. Thomson, Barrie Whittal,
Judge Cowperthwaite, Whitney Wing

Pemberton's Master Dein Bedford
about to cast his 13 inch Two
Couple Winners

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.
Secretary, National Beagle Club

While no new packs were registered in 1956 which is the first time in the past five years that a Roster has not recorded an increase in our ranks, we welcome the return of the Waldingfield Beagles as an active pack. The reactivation of this our oldest pack which was established in 1896 was predicted in the 1955 Foreword, though no definite plans at that time had been formulated. Since then Mr. and Mrs. John Grew, Masters of the Noanet Beagles, Dover, Mass, have inactivated their pack in order to combine their efforts with Josiah H. Child and the Bayard Tuckermans and to return the Waldingfield colors to the field. With triple masters and action on decisions guided by SUPER Master, Josiah H. Child, the pack appears to be well on its way to becoming once again a strong contender at the field trials.

The Whitford Beagles, Andrew Ford Master, Cleveland, Ohio have turned over their pack to the Gilbert W. Humphrey's, Chagrin Falls. We trust that the Whitford established by Horatio Ford in 1930, will return to an active status in the near future and that we will have the opportunity to add another Ohio pack to our Roster.

The net loss of one pack of beagles means that our registered packs now consist of nineteen packs of beagles, five packs of bassets, and one pack of harriers.

Our 67th Annual National Pack Trials in November at Aldie were well attended by packs and their enthusiastic followers. The 15" two couple class and the four couple class with seventeen and thirteen entries respectively were the largest in many years. An additional class was added for bassets to increase the competition in this division to two and four couple classes.

The wonderful sport and fellowship enjoyed at our three major field trials Gladstone, National, and Bay State and the shows at Bryn Mawr and Litchfield have often turned the conversation at such gatherings to the planning of an additional event. The next important date on the calendar is the Bay State Pack Trials, April 5, 6, and 7th which will include for the first time an eight couple class.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES
Upper Brookville,
L. I., New York.
Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members: others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening - green, gray silk facings. Masters: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly and J. Wooderson Glenn, Jr. Huntsmen: the Masters. Secretary: Clinton G. Bush, Jr. Wippers-In John Roesler, Mrs. Barbara H. Conolly, Anne Conolly, Michael Quinlan, John Oelsner.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March. Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays. Telephone Brookville 5-4304. Visitors welcome.

Country hunted about 15 by 10 miles, rolling, open, plough and much woodland.

Former Masters: Edward M. Ward, Jr., 1934-1935; Henry B. Thompson, Jr., 1936-1937; John C. Baker, Jr. and Morgan Wing, Jr., 1938-1948; John C. Baker, Jr., 1948-1952.

ELLSON BEAGLES
Easton,
Maryland.
Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Honorary Whippers-In: Margaret Wilson.

Seven couples Beagles under 13 inch. Hounds hunt cottontail rabbits at Masters convenience.

Country hunted is farmland between Easton and Oxford, Maryland. Telephone: Easton 2046.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES
St. Michaels,
Maryland.
Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Charles F. Schuck, Easton, Maryland. Telephone Easton 273W. Huntsman: Robert V. Hunteman, St. Michael, Maryland. Telephone: Riverview 5-6231. Whippers-In: (Honorary) Mrs. Herbert T. Austin, Mrs. Robert V. Hunteman.

Five couples - breeding stock kept by the Huntsman - balance of eleven couples maintained by members, 13 and 15 inch beagles. Cottontail and hare are hunted September through March - Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted. Hunting by invitation only.

Hounds are hunted from Perry Cabin Farm - 10 miles by 5 miles - at St. Michaels, Maryland.

Former Master: Philip K. Crowe, 1933-1953.

LIGONIER VALLEY BEAGLES
Ligonier,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, blue collar. Master and Huntsman: George C. Clement. Honorary Secretary and Whippers-In: David C. Burton, Mrs. L. W. Bughman, Mrs. George C. Clement.

Eight couples 13 and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Kennels at Rolling Rock Club, Ligonier. Telephone: Ligonier, BE 8-4296. Visitors welcome.

The country hunted is the same as hunted by the Rolling Rock Hunt.

LISETER BEAGLES
Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1928.

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Bay State Beagle Pack Trials, Taunton, Mass., April 7 & 8, 1956 - THE SANDANONA Huntsman, Morgan Wing, Jr. takes out his four couple assisted by his Whip, Barrie Whittall. In the background are Frank Astin and Field Marshall, the Judges and Barbara Conolly.

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Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin duPont. Huntsman: (professional) Thomas Timmins. Whipper-In (honorary): John duPont.

Twenty couples 13-inch and 15-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits at Master's convenience. Telephone: Elgin 6-1684.

LITTLE ELK BEAGLES
Fair Hill,
Maryland.
Established 1949.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, russet collar. Master: Carl A. Robinson. Whippers-In (honorary) Janet Robinson, Carol Robinson, Jay Robinson.

Six couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunting September through March. Hounds meet on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays at the convenience of the Master. Visitors welcome. Hounds hunt on western hare and cottontail rabbits in the country of the Foxcatcher Hounds by courtesy of the Master; on European hare in country near Jobstown, New Jersey.

LITTLE PROSPECT FOOT BEAGLES
Spring House,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1952.

Private Pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, robin's egg blue collar with black piping. Masters: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony N. B. Garvan. Huntsman: Anthony N. B. Garvan. Honorary Secretary: F. Markoe Rivinus, Jr., 131 W. Rex Ave., Telephone Chestnut Hill 7-8163. Whippers-In (honorary): Willis Rivinus, F. Markoe Rivinus, George Woolley, Jr., Leslie Byrnes. Junior-Whippers-In: Mary Jane Garvan, Kathleen Garvan, Benjamin Blaney.

Seventeen couples 15 inch beagles. Hunt hare, cottontail and fox September to April 1. Thursdays, Sundays and holidays. Country generally level with a few steep ridges. Centers Plymouth Meeting, Whitemarsh, Ambler, Doylestown.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT
Box 588, Red Bank,
New Jersey.
Established 1885.

Public pack, supported by Subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening - scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Joint-Masters: (1933) Amory L. Haskell, (1936) Mrs. George S. Howell. Field Master: Mark McClain. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert H. Smith. Whippers-In: Louis Gimbel, Jr. and Stinor Gimbel. (professional) Melvin Ryan. Foxhounds: 27 couple harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt cap $10. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 4 miles from kennels. Hunters can be rented from W. H. Foales, Shrewsbury and Shoestring Stables, Red Bank. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm in October and Monmouth County Horse Show at the Monmouth Race Track in August. Hunter Trials in December. Schooling Show in May. Hounds went out 27 times last season.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

NANTUCKET BEAGLES
West Chester, R. D. 2,
Pennsylvania.
Established 1926.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, maroon collar with white piping. Master and Huntsman: Mrs. David B. Sharp, Jr. Whipper-In: Janie Knowles.

Seven couples 15 inch beagles. Hunt jack rabbit June through August on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. Kennels during other months at Exton, Pennsylvania. Pack originally known as Nantucket Harriers.

NORTH COUNTRY BEAGLES
Metamora,
Michigan.
Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Hunt livery: Green, with gold collar and black piping. Master and Huntsman: Charles K. Backus; Assistant Huntsman: Miss Charlotte D. Nichols; Whippers-In (honorary): Dean Bedford, Jr., Emory W. Clark, II, William R. Clark, Jr., Miss Ruth Sweezey; Junior Whippers-In: Joseph Backus, Julian Backus, Henry Buick.

Fifteen couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cottontail and jackrabbits in Metamora Hunt country, Sundays and bye days, October through April. Visitors welcome. Kennels located on Casey Road, one quarter mile west of Hosner Road, near Thornville, Mich.

OLD CHATHAM HUNT FOOT BEAGLES
New York.
Established 1953.

Subscription pack. Affiliate of Old Chatham Hunt Club. Hunt livery and colors: Green with cavalry yellow collar and green piping. Masters: Albert S. Callan, Jr. and Mrs. Henry N. Gammack. Huntsman: Albert S. Callan, Jr. Whippers-In (honorary): Thomas H. Quinn, Hugh McB. Johnston, John S. Williams, Jr., Paul Tilson. Field Master: Henry N. Gammack.

Eight couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Ballintra Farm, West Ghent, New York. Hunt cottontail rabbits and hare Sunday afternoons and holidays, October 1 to April 1. Country is rolling farm and woodland in vicinity of Old Chatham, Kinderhook, and West Ghent. Visitors welcome. Address, Mrs. Henry N. Gammack, Kinderhook, New York. Telephone: Murdock 4-2181.

Former Masters: Capt. Sydney Smith (1952); Orlan A. Johnson (1953).

PEMBERTON BEAGLES
Fallston,
Maryland.
Established 1918.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with nile green piping. Master and Huntsman: Dean Bedford. Kennel Huntsman: Irving Weeks.

Ten couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt cotton tail rabbits October through March. Hounds meet at the Master's convenience. Kennels at Fallston. Telephone: Jarrettsville 2441.

POONA BASSETS
Millbrook,
New York.
Established 1954.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Barclay gold,

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TREWERYN BEAGLES
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Treweryn Beagles

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National Beagle Club Field Trials

The 67th Annual National Beagle Club Pack Trial was held at Aldie, Virginia, November 8th through November 11th, in which ten registered and three unregistered packs competed. The first class for 2 couples of 13" hounds was noteworthy for producing as near a perfect hunt as many of those present had ever seen. This performance was put on by the Briarwood pack of Lynchburg, Virginia; Dr. Frank Whitehouse owner and huntsman, with Dr. Robert Coxe as whipper-in. They hunted one rabbit for almost half an hour, all hounds being within six feet of each other the entire hunt. The hounds in this pack were:

Dandy - by Fd. Ch. Hatchie's Ring, out of Park Road Music; Bootie, Boogie - by Wildcliff Boogie, out of Hammer Creek Bell; Captain - by Fd. Ch. Captain of Glenwood, out of Bee Jay's Kay.

Dandy won the Minstrel Plate awarded to the winner of the 13" stake in 1955. was won by the Treweryn Beagles of Berwyn, Pennsylvania with David B. Sharp, Jr., Master and Huntsman, and John Todd, whipper-in. The hounds in this pack were: Burgess - by Bender, out of V. S. Bretta; Redding - by Bugler, out of V. S. Melissa; Model - by Bugler, out of V. S. Miranda; Benefit - by Bender, out of V. S. Bretta. They had a hard driving hunt and were taken up running after marking two rabbits to ground. This pack subsequently won the National Challenge Trophy for the two couples with the best combined score in the field and on the bench. These hounds are out of three of the four Vernon-Somerset bitches which won this cup for Treweryn in 1953. Model and Benefit won the class for one couple of bitches at Bryn Mawr this year. Second in the 15" two couple was Sandanona from Millbrook, New York. Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Wing, Jr., Masters. Mr. Wing hunted thses hounds while Anne Wing and Miss Barry Whittall whipped-in.

The Winning Sandanona 4 couple. This pack also won the John C. Baker, Jr. Memorial Trophy for the third time. The same pack had won the 4 Couple at Gladstone the previous week. Morgan Wing Jr. hunted them with Mrs. Wing and Miss Millicent B. Whittall as Whips.

Second to this pack was a Sir Sister Pack hunted by Henry Prunaret of Natick, Massachusetts with Mildred Prunaret as whipper-in. This pack consisted of : Sir Sister Beetle - by Fd. Ch. Bear Creek Baldy, out of Sir Sister Sue; Sir Sister Peg - by Sir Sister Ebro, out of Sir Sister Peanut; Sir Sister Tasty - by Sir Sister Sandman, out of Sir Sister Dawn; Sir Sister Dispatch - by Waldingfield Postman, out of Sir Sister Dawn. They found a rabbit immediately and had a long close drive to ground in a brush pile. They also marked their second rabbit to ground after a driving hunt.

Third was the Ligonier Valley Beagles of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, hunted by David Burton with Mrs. George Clement and Mrs. "Cordy" May whipping-in. In this pack were Gayboy, Playboy, Norseman and Nosegay, all Waldingfield hounds given to Ligonier two years ago. Everyone was pleased to see this pack back at Aldie for the second year.

15" Two Couples
The 15" 2 couple class of 17 entries

Four Couple Classes

Sandanona was also second for the National Challenge Trophy. They then went on to win the four couple pack and the John C. Baker, Jr. Memorial Plate for the combined bench and field score of the four couples. It is interesting to note that this four couple pack was the same pack that won the four couple class at Gladstone on Monday. In the 13" four couple packs there was a tie for second for the "Baker" Plate between Old Chatham and Nantucket. The latter did not place in the field but had a good hunt and were brought up by their looks, this pack having placed third at Bryn Mawr.

There were five eight couple packs which Sir Sister won with a magnificent driving hunt on a really good running rabbit. Scent then seemed to become difficult for the other packs and second went to Treweryn who didn't have much of a hunt, but worked very well together and tried hard. The Sir Sister hunt was so outstanding that this pack won the Sir Sister Cup

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Jr., Robert M. Scott. Kennel Huntsman (professional): Charles Smith.

Twenty couples 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunt Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sunday, August 20th to April first. Telephone: (kennels) Berwyn 9351. (Master) Exton 1175.

Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

Former Masters: William Newbold Ely, 1924-1929; David B. Sharp, Jr. and James R. Kerr, Jr. (Joint-Masters), 1929-1930.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES
304 Clapboardtree St.
Westwood, Massachusetts.
Established 1886

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green with yellow collar. Masters: Mrs. John Grew, Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., Josiah H. Child. Huntsman: Mrs. John Grew. Hon. Secretary: Josiah H. Child. Whippers-In (honorary): Miss Millicent B. Whittall, John Grew, John Grew, Jr. E. MacGregor Strauss, Treasurer: John Grew. Chairman of Hunt Committee: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.

Eight couples of 13 and 15 inch beagles. Hunted at the convenience of the Masters in Norfolk County and Bristol County. Fixture cards are sent out for meets in February, March and April. Telephone: DEdham 3-2794.

Former Master: James Waldingfield Appleton, 1888-1942.

WOLVER BEAGLES
Middleburg,
Virginia.
Established 1913

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-In (professional): Charles E. Kirk.

Six couples 15 inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1st to March 31st at Master's convenience. Visitors welcome. Telephone: Middleburg 3591.

A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.

CAROL LYMAN

The following telegram was received after the pages of the Beagle Roster had been printed. "Please include in Beagle Roster under Waldingfield the name of Carol Lyman as a Whip. Josiah H. Child."

Gladstone Beagle Club Pack Trials

Barbara H. Conolly

stone Beagle Club Pack annual warmer-upper for the going to the Nationals at held on Sun. Nov. 4 and Mon. ar at the usual site, the Brady eapack, N. J. Six packs, the L), North Country (Meta- Old Chatham (Kinderhook, ona (Millbrook, N. Y.), Tre- Chester, Pa.) , and Walding- od, Mass.) battled through were made for spectators ounds. The sun shone brill- both days, the early draws ntage as scent deteriorated

2 couple pack at the Gladstone Beagle Pack Trials - Waldingfield , Nuclear and Newsman. "Sister" Grew is the Huntsman and John

dried; and the packs down 2:30 had a tough time of it. act that this running ground ings and swampy areas made rfectly feasible where two sandy soil would have been .

resent deer problem - which rted to be worse than ever s virtually conquered by the er Special System. It con- ying everone (but the Master na - he was late arriving!) an lids and clubs and making army through the country to e next three hours. This was tive as mounted whips saw aving beaten areas. To make they didn't return, Peggy ack, John Cowperthwaite's mounted and on guard near ll day. Vita Cowperthwaite Binny Fowler also helped ps when they could. Only one deer - (when their rabbit f beaten country) - and for- quarry swung to the creek e whipped off and later giv- on rabbits.

rthwaite was again the gen- assisted this year in run- y Reese Howard, ex Master of the North Country, who has recently moved to the vicinity from Michigan. John and Victo Cowperthwaite again gave a lovely cocktail and dinner party which made Merry Beaglers out of everyone there - (even if three of them did have bassets!).

And by way of bassets, the Gladstone Trials this year instigated a much-heralded event, a basset division which was hotly contested by the Poona (Millbrook, N.Y.) and the Tewksbury (Morristown, N.J.) Bassets. When the dust had settled, and the last deep "wuh-wuh" of the free-tongueing bassets had lost itself in the echo of the hills, the Tewksbury emerged with a slight lead and was crowned the winning pack, though the honors for beauty by rising vote were given to the Poonas, turned out in their magnificent Berkely gold coats with russet collars and all their white accessories dipped in light Orange Pekow tea to harmonize!

But, back to the beagles, the 2 couple of 13" beagles class was won by the Waldingfield, ("Sister" Grew as Hunts-

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National Trials

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on the third day, to resume his duties as Field Marshall.

Rebecca L. Sharp
Josiah H. Child

SUMMARIES:

13" Two Couple, Foxcatcher Plate, 11 packs - 1. Briarwood; 2. Sir Sister; 3. Ligonier Valley; Res. Sandanona.

15" Two Couple, Wheatley Frantic Cup, 17 packs - 1. Treweryn Beagles; 2. Sandanona; 3. Mr. Williams' Beagles; Res. Mr. Blackwelder's Beagles.

Four Couple, Somerset Challenge Cup, 13 packs - 1. Sandanona; 2. Briarwood; 3. Old Chatham; Res. Sir Sister.

Eight couple, Watchman Cup, 5 packs - 1. Sir Sister; 2. Treweryn; 3. North Country; Res. Sandanona.

13" Three Hour Stake, Minstrel Plate, 20 Entries - 1. Waldingfield's Noanet Nugget; 2. Briarwood Dandy; 3. Treweryn Benefit; Res. Old Chatham's Sister.

15" Three Hour Stake, 18 Entries - 1. Sir Sister Sandman; 2. Mr. Williams' Cry; 3. Sir Sister Bugle; Res. Nantucket Burglar.

Sir Sister Cup for highest scored pack in the Field: Sir SisterEight Couple.

Robert P. Harrison Memorial Bowl - 1. Sir Sister, 27 points; 2. Briarwood, 22 points; 3. Treweryn, 20 points.

BENCH SHOW AWARDS:

Liseter Plate, Best 13" Beagle - 1. North County Barmaid(bitch); Res. Sandanona Laughter (bitch).

Turnbull Cup, Best 15" Beagle - 1. Nantucket Buxom (bitch); Res. Old Chatham's Sandanona Lasher (dog).

National Challenge Cup, for Two Couples, field work 50%, show qualities 50% - 1. Treweryn 15" Two couple; Res. Sandanona 15" Two Couple.

John C. Baker Jr. Cup, for Four Couple, 50% field, 50% show qualities - 1. Sandanona; Res. Nantucket.

BASSET CLASSES

Two Couple Class - 1. Poona Bassets.

Four Couple Class - 1. Poona Bassets.

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Field And Bench Beagles

Barbara H. Conolly

the annual Westminster Kennel Club t Madison Square Garden the most ting division to me was, of course, gles, since we had our Bryn Mawr mpion, Buckram Bellman, entered won his class but was defeated in Dogs by the winner of the Open gan and Jenner's young hound nois, "Glencarlyn's Luscious ich was an eye-catching hound of white, beautifully proportione a lovely mover. "Luke" defeat best 15" Bitch but was in turn Best of Variety by a Special, Lee S "Ch. Kinsman Jimmy Balentine ndsome, boxy type hound with ne, and a bold carriage which went be third in the group. He could cized as being a little short in the ut he is a lovely type hound and loo to do his work in the field. Incident r. Wade claims that all his show ho e broken to field work first and disp if not satisfactory in that respect they are ever considered for show at a break for the future of the bre

The s ision, Beagles under 13", with 35 e s opposed to 46 of the bigger hou t to a beautifully modeled Special Ch. Forest Festivity, owned and Edward Jenner of Illinois. This b most too perfect to look like a houn th and muscled to the nth degree, rong legs and a high-domed head, h. Security Salute out of Ch. Jac vel. She had a bold appearance, ye, and a sparkling way of movi though she seemed definitely the in the 13" division, she, like her rivals, seemed so decorative and that you forgot that she was meant orm with her nose on the trail of a

It is, of cou finitely noticeable that field and b ecimens of hound breeds are gro les apart. It is I think, most appa the now popular Beagle breed ar further we go in this direction, th hopelessly irreconcilable the be field competitor will be. Consid ere is now only one Dual Champ the bench and in the field) offered - I think I am right on this - Amawalk Link, garnered his poi e a few years ago. Competition en so keen and has developed bett mens so rapidly that it is doubt hat same hound could achieve thos pionships now.

Bench men sne he field trial hounds' cow hocks k necks; hunting men scoff at th models because they have no and no will to hunt. Neither diver good for the future of the breed you consider that the Beagle is ily a rabbit hound and that the andard is intended to make the Be etter worker in the field. We pack people realize this perhaps better than anyone as we are caught in the dilemma of trying to breed an attractive, close-working pack which can win in the field AND on the bench.

There is one possible remedy that has come to my mind and this would be heavily and perhaps hopelessly opposed by those breeders in both camps who are reaping nice profits in stud fees and puppy sales. Nevertheless, would it be an unreasonable idea, for the vreservation and advancement of the breed to set up ONE A.K.C. Championship only with points toward it to be earned both on the bench and in the field? There would be many objections, and valid ones, to overcome, countless fine points to be ironed out, and bitter arguments to be heard. If these were successfully coped with, can you see what a rush there would be to intermingle bloodlines, and consequently what a set-back in both hunting ability and appearance there would be for a number of years? However, despite the general set-back of the breed until new bloodlines were established, don't you agree that eventually, in 20 years perhaps, we would have a Beagle that was more like the handsome, cheerful, and enthusiastic rabbit hound he is meant to be than he is now?

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Res. Buckram I.

15" 2 couple - 1. Waldingfield I; 2. Buckram I; 3. Waldingfield II; 4. North Country I; 5. Old Chatham I.

4 couple - 1. Sandanona; 2. Waldingfield; 3. North Country; 4. Treweryn; Res. Old Chatham.

8 Couple - 1. Treweryn; 2. Old Chatham; 3. Sandanona; 4. Buckram; Res. North Country.

Basset 4 couples - 1. Tewksbury; 2. Poona.

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FLAPPING, HURRY TO CATCH UP. MEENA ROGERS (IN BACKGROUND) FOLLOWS HER HUSBAND. SHE ACTS AS A WHIPPER-IN FOR THE TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hiking to Hounds

BASSETS LEAD HUNT IN FUTILE CHASE

One crisp, bright afternoon recently hunting horns sounded a gay halloo at a stone farmhouse near Hampstead, Md. Afterward came the deep, bell-like baying of hounds, and the Timber Ridge Bassets owned by Charles Rogers set off on their largest weekly hunt of the season. The basset is a good trailer, but no beauty—he is crookkneed, splayfooted, spraddle-legged, flop-flewed—and trots so slowly that a man can keep up with him at a brisk walk. At Hampstead, huntsmen came on foot wearing white ducks and stocks, harrier-green coats with gold lapels and blue piping. Farther back, more casually arrayed enthusiasts puffed and panted as they followed the hounds across ditches, up hills, through icy streams, brambles and barbed wire. The hounds sniffed eagerly, scurried through thick undergrowth. It was a forlorn chase. Not a cottontail showed.

After sunset, hunters returned to dry their feet, down tall drinks. "We may be nuts," said one huntsman, "but we get lots of exercise."

SQUEEZING THROUGH FENCE is 3-year-old Flash. Called Flash as joke because he was once a slow puppy, he is now a leader.

HORN BLOWERS test their skill at hunting calls after the day's sport. Murgatroyd Hook (*left*) puffed hard and then collapsed in an outburst of giggles. Mrs. Stanford Hoff (*center*) toots seriously to the admiration of Hunt Master Rogers. Young Pat Hyland (*right*) blasts away while Kathy Hoff looks on in wonder.

HUNTSMEN, LED BY MASTER (CENTER) WHO IS FLANKED BY WHIPS, ADVANCE OVER FIELD TO BRIAR PATCH WHERE THEY HOPE TO FIND RABBIT. BASSETS

OFTEN FLUSH A SCARED COTTONTAIL AND GIVE ZIGZAGGING CROSS-COUNTRY CHASE BUT IN GENERAL AVERAGE A KILL ONLY ONCE EVERY OTHER HUNT

MORGAN Wing Jr. and his wife get their beagles out of the kennels before the start of the afternoon hunt. They have on club member outfits.

SPECTATORS gather at Wing's farm to watch the men and dogs get ready for the chase. Some spectators follow entire hunt.

SOMETHING'S in the air and the beagles are off after the hare. Hunters trail pack on foot. Looks like another hare-raising adventure.

FENCE ON the Wing farm offers an obstacle to spectators following the hunt. Good lungs and strong legs are necessary for this activity.

WEARY hunters, spectators and dogs return from the hunt. It's only in a rare instance that the hare is caught by the hounds. Big pleasure of the sport is the chase.

Everybody...hounds, hare and spectators... gets lots of exercise in this sport

Beagle Hunt

By BOB LARDINE

NEWS COLORFOTOS BY DANIEL JACINO AND LEE ELKINS

ONE OF the spectators breaks into a trot in effort to keep up with the hunters ahead on trail.

As soon as the beagle gets in his two scents' worth, the hunt is on. The hare, trying to keep one jump ahead of the pursuing, baying dogs, bunny-hops madly across the countryside. Right in back of the hounds come the hunters—on foot. This exciting chase usually consumes a Sunday afternoon, 10 miles of rugged terrain and lots of shoe leather.

One of the locales for the sport is the 300-acre Millbrook, N. Y., farm of Morgan Wing Jr. Here Wing and other members of a hunting club join in pursuit of the elusive hare.

Wing, who is secretary of the National Beagle Club, finds that the rugged little dog is perfect for this type of hunting. Though the beagle is only slightly bigger than the rabbit itself, he has had a reputation since Elizabethan times of being a great hunting dog. Possessed also of a gentle disposition, the beagle has climbed to the top of popularity among canine owners. Beagle clubs, much like the one to which Wing belongs, have been organized throughout the country. The floppy-eared, black, tan and white hound is a prime favorite with city dwellers, too. They're a hardy breed, easy to take care of, and inexpensive to feed. They bark only when provoked and are one of the easiest dogs to housebreak.

Breeding and selling beagles is one of Wing's activities when he isn't busy as president of a Manhattan real estate firm or assistant headmaster of the Pomfret School in Connecticut. For relaxation he feels that there is nothing like a fall afternoon of jumping fences, hurdling streams and chasing after a hare. It's not exactly a quiet Sunday at home, but hunt enthusiasts consider the sport healthful and good for the nerves.

Wing got in some early training for beagle hunting when he ran for the Princeton track team.

ADLIE, VA.

NOVEMBER 9-19, 1956

NATIONAL BEAGLE CLUB

67th Annual Field Trial Awards

SINGLE STAKES

13-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—39 Starters

Award	Hound	Owner
1st	Mispillion Bobby	F. R. Grier & L. Q. Ryan
2nd	Oaklay Jack	J. B. Davison
3rd	Diamond Back Butch	J. G. Webber
4th	Clearview Trailer	Roy Bundick
Res.	Kuzin Captain Lawyer	C. O. Iselin, Jr.

13-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—68 Starters

1st	Morris' Girlie	P. Walker
2nd	Oaklay Sis	J. B. Davison & R. M. Franklin
3rd	Ryan's Little Lady	Mr. & Mrs. Dale Sutton
4th	Walkline Venturess	I. S. Foltz
Res.	Sked's Lady III	L. Sked

15-Inch—ALL AGE DOGS—38 Starters

1st	Rogers' Nipper	M. Sharkey
2nd	Hough's Terry	L. Smallwood
3rd	Cynwyd Woodman	Ev. Stineman
4th	Captain Jinx	R. F. Slike
Res.	Maple Hill Mr. Dollar	Patricia Ann Ewing

15-Inch—ALL AGE BITCHES—32 Starters

1st	Bohnnland Shiela	J. J. Mayer
2nd	Music Ridge Lady	Jesse and Mary Barlow
3rd	Lee's Nifty Nancy	L. V. Schlegel
4th	Happy Run Starlet	E. Waters
Res.	Lakeside Minnie	G. R. Slater

JUDGES

HAROLD ESTES, Maiden, S. C. HARRY S. TRUXEL, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

PACK STAKES

FOXCATCHER PLATE—13-Inch—Two Couple—11 Packs

Packs		Owners	Address
1st	Briarwood	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.
2nd	Sir Sister	Sis Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
3rd	Ligonier Valley	George C. Clement	Ligonier, Pa.
Res.	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

WHEATLE FRANTIC CUP—15-Inch—Two Couple—17 Packs

1st	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
2nd	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
3rd	Williams	Roger Williams	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Blackwelder	LeRoy J. Blackwelder	Sterling, Va.

SOMERSET CHALLENGE CUP—Four Couple—13 Packs

1st	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Briarwood	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.
3rd	Old Chatham	Old Chatham Beagles	Old Chatham, N. Y.
Res.	Sir Sister	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.

WATCHMAN CUP—Eight Couple—5 Packs

1st	Sir Sister	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
2nd	Treweryn	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
3rd	North Country	North Country Beagles	Oxford, Mich.
Res.	Sandanona	Morgan Wing, Jr.	Millbrook, N. Y.

MINSTREL PLATE—13-Inch—THREE HOUR STAKE—20 Entries

1st	Waldingfield's Noanet Nugget	Waldingfield Beagles	Dover, Mass.
2nd	Briarwood Dandy	Dr. F. R. Whitehouse	Lynchburg, Va.
3rd	Treweryn Benefit	Treweryn Beagles	Berwyn, Pa.
Res.	Old Chatham Sister	Old Chatham Beagles	Old Chatham, N. Y.

HUNTSMAN: Morgan Wing, Jr.

TREWERYN FORGER CUP—15-Inch—THREE HOUR STAKE—18 Entries

1st	Sir Sister Sandman	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
2nd	William's Cry	Roger Williams	Natick, Mass.
3rd	Sir Sister Bugle	Sir Sister Beagles	Natick, Mass.
Res.	Nantucket Burglar	Mrs. David B. Sharp	West Chester, Pa.

HUNTSMAN: Albert Callan, Jr.

BASSETS—Two Couple—2 Packs

1st	Poona	Kent & Adele Leavitt	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Tewksbury	Tewksbury Bassets	Gladstone, N. J.

BASSETS—Four Couple—2 Packs

1st	Poona	Kent & Adele Leavitt	Millbrook, N. Y.
2nd	Tewksbury	Tewksbury Bassets	Gladstone, N. J.

VARDS

TURNBULL CUP
Best 15-Inch Beagle
1st Nantucket Buxom (bitch)
Res. Old Chatham's Sandanona Lasher (dog)

JOHN C. BAKER JR. PLATE
Four Couple Packs
Field Work 50%
Show Qualities 50%
1st Sandanona
Res. Old Chatham-Nantucket

ARDS

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Highest Total Scored Pack in the Field
1st Sir Sister 27 Points
2nd Briarwood 22 Points
3rd Treweryn 20 Points

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	Color of Collar	Kennel
n, Jr.	Grey	Brookville, L. I., N. Y.
	Light Brown	Easton, Md.
	Old Gold, Scarlet Piping	St. Michaels, Md.
	Blue	Ligonier, Pa.
	Dark Blue, Light Blue Piping	Newtown Square, Pa.
	Russet	Elkton, Md.
n	Robins Egg Blue, Black Piping	Spring House, Pa.
	Maroon, White Piping	Westchester, Pa.
	Gold, Black Piping	Oxford, Michigan
	Yellow, Dark Green Piping	Old Chatham, N. Y.
	Yellow, Nile Green Piping	Fallston, Md.
	Green	Keswick, Va.
	Gentian, Light Blue Piping	Gahanna, Ohio
	Infantry Scarlet, Maroon Piping	Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada
	Yellow, Grey Piping	Millbrook, N. Y.
ret	Hunting Scarlet	Natick, Mass.
	Blue, Brown Piping	Berwyn, Pa.
rman	Yellow	Dover, Mass.
	Buff, Light Blue Piping	Middleburg, Va.

COLLARS (BASSETS, HARRIERS)

Color of Collar	Kennel
Maroon	Red Bank, N. J.
Russet-Barclay Gold Coat	Millbrook, N. Y.
Crimson	Chester Springs, Pa.
Green, Gold Piping	Fairville, Pa.
Robins Egg Blue	Gladstone, N. J.
Old Gold, Blue Piping	Hampstead, Md.

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lin Court, Garden City, N. Y.
mbrill, Mrs. R. V. N.
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1954 Gammack, Mrs. Henry
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1952 Gardner, Kenneth
Box 208, Vienna, Va.
1954 Gardner, Melvin
Herndon, Va., Rt. 2
1949 Garvan, Anthony N. B.
Spring House, Pa.
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Spring House, Pa.
1954 Gillanders, Capt. John
Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada
1953 Girvin, Davidson K.
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1946 Glenn, J. W., Jr.
Syosset, L. I., N. Y.
1954 Glover, Elder E.
2922 First Rd. No., Arlington, Va.
1950 Grace F. Cecil
25 East 86th St., New York, N. Y.
1955 Grew, Mrs. John
Dover, Mass.
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1948—Gribbel, William G.
Butler Pike, Ambler, Pa.
1948 Grier, Mrs. Thomas L.
17 Main Street, Exeter, N. H.
1925 Griffin, William V.
20 Exchange Place, New York 5, N. Y.
1933 Griswold, A. B.
135 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Md.

1952 Haight, E. Frederick 2nd
Litchfield, Conn.
1953 Hager, N. W.
6910, 23rd Rd., Hyattsville, Md.
1949 Hallowell, Thomas J., Jr.
Northport, L. I., N. Y.
1956 Hanel, M. H.
Martha Lane, Falls Church, Va., Rt. 1
1937 Hannum, Mrs. John B. 3rd
Unionville, Pa.
1954 Harris, Hamilton K.
Malvern, R.D. 2, Pa.
1954 Harris, Mrs. Hamilton K.
Malvern, R.D. 2, Pa.
1954 Harrison, Wallace C.
150 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio
1951—Hart, Mrs. Helen
Vineyard Haven, Mass.
1948 Harwood, Richardson
Natick, Mass.
1927 Haskell, Amory L.
Redbank, N. J.
1947 Hattersley, Robert C.
Glen Head, Long Island N. Y.
1954 Hellen, Joseph
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1949 Higham, C. Barton
Downington, Pa. Rd. 2
1954 Holdsworth, Mrs. N. M.
Indiana, Pa.
1952 Hopkins, Mrs. R. Stockton
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1951—Hopper, Hugh L.
15 Fairview Ave., Madison, N. J.
1953 Howard, Reese E.
Far Hills, N. J.
1953 Howard, Mrs. Reese E.
Far Hills, N. J.
1956 Humphrey, Gilbert W.
Hunting Hill, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
1956 Humphrey, Mrs. Gilbert W.
Hunting Hill, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
1950 Humphrey, Gilbert W., Jr.
Hunting Hill, Chagrin Falls, Ohio
1950 Hundt, George S.
Berwyn, Pa.
1953 Hundt, Lester T., Jr.
Berwyn, Pa.
1925 Hurd, Edward A.
Chestertown, Md.
1949 Hurry, Renwick W.
Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y.
1953 Hurry, Eleanor
Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y.
1925 Huyler, Fred
Gladstone, N. J.
1950 Hutchison, Mrs. Ludwell T.
Aldie, Va.

1946 Thomson, Archibald G.
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1953 Thorne, Oakleigh L.
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1953 Thouron, Mrs. J. R. H.
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1950 Todd, John
121 Orchard Lane, Haverford, Pa.
1946 Townsend, Chester M.
Glen Mills, Pa.
1946 Truxel, Harry S.
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1940 Wetherill, Elkins
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1948 Weybright, Victor
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1938 White, S. Stockton
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1938 Willcox, Mark
J. Wawa, Pa.
1955 Whitehouse, Dr. Frank R.
1901 Quarry Rd., Lynchburg, Va.
1955 Whittall, Miss Milicent B.
11 West Cedar St., Boston, Mass.
1938 Williams, H. Justice
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1955 Williams, John S., Jr.
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1956 Williams, Roger
Natick, Mass.
1948 Wilson, Paul E.
Easton, Md.
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1946 Wing, Mrs. Morgan, Jr.
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Somerset, Va.

1954 Young, Roger A.
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MASTERS OF BEAGLES AND BASSETS DINNER – (Standing l. to r.): James S. Jones, Kent Leavitt, George Wooley, Jr., John L. Eyre, Richard Hull, George M. Merck, Clinton J. Bush, Jr., Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr., J. W. Glenn, Jr. and Reese E. Howard. (Back row, clockwise): John K. Cowperthwaite, Henry Gammack, John S. Williams, Jr., Albert Callan, Jr., Charles K. Backus, Noel F. Bowers, David B. Sharp, Jr., Morgan Wing, Jr., Josiah H. Child, Philip K. Crowe, Charles Rogers, Bennett H. Perry, Owen Frisbie, Thomas H. Quinn, Carl Robinson, Richard Thum, William Morin, E. MacGregor Strauss and Harry E. Richter. (Front row, clockwise): F. M. Ravinus, Justice Williams, Anthony N. B. Garvan, A. William Battin, Clement R. Hoopes, Victor Weybright, John Carroll Dunn, Vaughn Brown, John Streeter, George Hundt and Lester T. Hundt, Jr.
(Freudy Photo)

Masters of Beagles Dinner

Philip K. Crowe

If, on January 25th (mortal time), the immortal Mr. J. Jorrocks happened to glance down from the "gold bar of heaven" I am sure he would have raised his flagon, in a toast, for around the festive board of New York's Racquet Club he would have seen a very merry gathering of beaglers. And, as he quaffed his non-alcoholic nectar and flexed his scarlet wings, he might have envied the hunters on the lowly earth, and remarked to a reformed Pigg that in heaven it is never "dark as hell nor ever smells of cheese".

Moving spirit of the beagle dinners is Morgan Wing, Jr., Secretary of the National Beagle Club and genial master of the Sandanona. This year his efforts were well rewarded for forty-one beaglers, the largest turn out since before the late war, answered his summoning horn. Nor was the response limited to local beaglers. Charles Backus, master of the North Country Beagles, came all the way from ice-bound Michigan and Bennet Perry, veteran master of the Tantivy, beat his way up from the deep South. I noted with sadness the passing of Allan Snowden, the Canadian master who died last year and the absense of Dean Bedford, president of the Club.

But many of the famous names in beagling and basseting were present. John Cowperthwaite, master of the Readington Foot Beagles, and host to all at his yearly Gladstone Trials made a welcome appearance after five years of absense. Bun Sharp, master of the "terrible Treweryns" treated us to a learned lecture on line breeding, citing the record of Treweryn Forger and his influence on today's packs. Bun, who married Becky Trimpi, the equally famous master of the Nantucket Beagles, has more chance than most of us to study hound work for, after leaving the rolling fields of Pennsylvania in the Spring, his hounds hunt all summer on the dunes of Nantucket.

Not all the speakers hued to the hound line. Noel Bowers of Sandanona gave us a delightful rending of "Albert and the Lion", a piece made famous at Beagle dinners by the late Kimball Clement. Tony Garvan, often called the "latter day Jorrocks" on account of his consistently humorous speeches, lived up to his reputation. He told of the invited pack which were supplied by their hosts with a hare dipped in gasoline. Bennet Perry favored us with a threesome of his hilarious but quite unprintable tales from the Southland. If only he had a sporting Erskine Caldwell to report him.

The doings of one's ex-hounds like the doings of one's children are always of interest to the master and parent and from Albert Callan I was pleased to hear that Kingsland Sally, a hound which I gave Sidney Smith when he started the Old Chatham Foot Beagles four years ago, is still turning in good performances at the trials. Another hound, a charming basset bitch named Countess, which my daughter Rene gave to Charles Rogers, master of the Timber Ridge Bassets, has distinguished herself in the show ring, taking a first at Bryn Mawr.

Continuity is the life blood of beagling and it was cheering to learn that Joe Conolly, joint master of the Buckram, has a year old son who leaned from his carriage recently and uttered a mighty view-halloa when he saw the hare. Woody Glenn, the Buckram's other joint, told us a startling tale of a painting subscriber whose point eluded my brandied brain but over which I laughed long and heartily. Both Buckram masters seemed amazingly well preserved due undoubtedly to the fact that they always hunt the day following the beagle dinner.

Time, which waits for no beagler, failed to allow us to hear from many with reputations for learning and wit. I wished that Victor Weybright, secretary of the Timber Ridge Bassets, and a student of hunting and gypsy lore, could have spoken to us and that Clem Hoopes, whip of the Kingsland twenty years ago, might have given tongue also.

When the dinner was over many of us repaired to the St. Regis where the Masters' ball, sponsored by both the beaglers and foxhunters was held. Jorrocks was of the opinion that dancing was rather a silly business but when conducted in pink and organized as a source of funds for the hounds was to be mildly encouraged.

FOX HUNTING

BRYN MAWR HOUND SHOW

BEAGLE DIVISION

The Beagle division of the 36th Annual Bryn Mawr Hound Show, held Sept. 7th, 1956, at a new location, the lovely Radnor Hunt Club grounds, was better filled with better quality hounds than at any time since the war. Class after class presented at least one or two hounds you would be glad to take home with you, and the overall improvement is a good omen for all twenty of the beagle packs now registered with the National Beagle Club. Although only eight out of the twenty packs showed at Bryn Mawr, the stallion hounds are available to all.

One of the most interesting things about this year's show was the profound effect of three stallion hounds on producing the winners of a majority of the classes. The first of these three stallions was Liseter Merry Lad '47 which sired Sandanona's uniformly attractive litters of Lasher, Laughter, Lovely, Lively, Lonesome, Levity, and Likeable out of Vernon Somerset bitches, and Treweryn Monarch and Mannequin out of Treweryn Model. The second was Liseter Fair Play '53 which sired Sandanona's nice young hound Frolic and his brother Finder out of a Vernon Somerset bitch. The third, and most widely used, stallion was Treweryn Bugler '51. When bred to Sandanona Lovely (see above), he sired Bailiff, Bouncer, Bugler, and Bellman; when bred to Old Chatham's Waldingfield Jill, he produced Noanet Jupiter; when bred to Nantucket Hoodwink '53, he produced the strikingly similar litter of Barmaid, Buxom, Bunting, and Burglar, and when bred to Treweryn's small Vernon Somerset bitches, he produced Denmark, Dulcie, and Model (see above). However, none of these sires produced the ultimate grand champion - that honor going to a bench sire outside pack breeding, Ch. Chessman of Walnut Hall. This sire, however, goes back through Ch. Thornridge Wrinkles, his sire, to some of the good old hunting sires such as Eberle's Micky II, Thornridge Toney, and Delco Minor, and through his dam's side to the Charmac line, and Thornridge Toney again. The bitch that was bred to him to produce the champion, which we shall discuss in detail later, was a nice average pack type, with Wolver and Buckram hounds in her pedigree.

Now for the highlights of the judging: In the 13" division, Sandanona's unentered dog puppy Frolic upset their newly acquired bench champion Ch. Mallory's Rock-a-Bye Bob to gain the 13" Bitch Champion Laughter '55 to win the 13" National Beagle Club Challenge Cup (for the best 13" dog or bitch bred by exhibitor). Frolic is a sturdy, gay puppy with a great deal of bone for a 13" hound and a lovely way of moving which makes up for his lack of quality in the neck. Laughter, equally gay and attractive in gait, bowed to her kennelmate's greater substance.

In the 15" division, Treweryn's nice puppy Monarch lost the Dog Championship to Buckram Bellman '55, last year's Champion, and the Bitch Championship went to the lovely Nantucket Hoodwink '53 as it did last year. That meant that Hoodwink and Bellman would meet again in the 15" National Beagle Club Challenge Cup and interest ran high amongst the spectators as opinion was divided. Hoodwink is a well-made, lovely-type bitch who, by the way, passes on her quality to her get, and has a most pleasing head and expression. Bellman is a big impressive hound with a great deal of bone and a straight strong body that is really built in a box. He too has a pleasing head and expression. The nod finally went to Bellman, for the second year in a row, because of his greater general substance.

Champion Basset bitch at Bryn Mawr Hound Show, Timber Ridge Beagle Countess, Mrs. Charles Rogers, handling. (Freudy Photo)

Bellman then went on to win the first leg on the new trophy for the Grand Champion beagle of the show, either size, the John C. Baker Jr. Memorial Challenge Plate, which was presented to Michael

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Quinlan, Bellman's handler, by Mrs. John C. Baker Jr.

Last but not least was the pack class with no less than eight packs represented! The blue went to the Treweryn pack, which, beautifully matched and gay, won the best pack and the best 13" pack awards, and second and third went to Sandanona and Nantucket, two other beautifully matched packs. Mr. Hugh Hooper, of Madison, N. J., judged this and all the other beagle classes at the show, and did a consistently thorough and capable job.

(May we say here that the Hornblowing Contest, though not limited to beaglers, was won by one - David B. Sharp, Jr., Master of the Treweryn pack!)

The show was properly concluded by Mr. Lawrence Jones' delightful cocktail party at the Radnor clubhouse, but the beaglers had yet another event to look forward to. This was the joint hunt at 7:00 A.M. at Sam Eckert's Farm where visiting packs all contributed four or five show hounds each with the host pack, Treweryn, making up a larger number as a nucleus. 15 1/2 couples of all sizes of beagles then gave a good hour's run on two hare under Huntsman Jimmy Lamb. The morning was brilliant and cool, and the tumultuous cry of a large pack of hounds streaming over that beautiful farm in pursuit of their hare was a fitting climax to a show that after all only judges type for this purpose. When the dew dried off and scent became poor, hounds were lifted, and a sumptuous hunt breakfast was provided by the Treweryns to fortify leg-weary visitors for the long but satisfied ride home.

SUMMARIES:

Beagles

Unentered Dogs, 13" - 1. Sandanona Frolic; 2. Sandanona Bouncer; 3. Treweryn Denmark.

Entered dogs, 13" - 1. Buckram (Waldingfield) Postman '53; 2. Buckram Desperate '54.

Stallion beagle, 13" - 1. Sandanona (Ch. Mallory's) Rock-a-Bye Bob; 2. Buckram (Waldingfield) Postman '53; 3. Buckram Matador'55.

Champion dog, 13" - 1. Sandanona Frolic; 2.Sandanona (Ch.Mallory's) Rock-a-Bye Bob.

Couple of dogs, 13" - 1. Sandanona Bailiff and Bouncer; 2. Treweryn Denmark & Dealer '55.

Unentered dogs, 15" - 1. Treweryn Monarch; 2. Sandanona Finder; 3. Old Chathar Minor.

Entered dogs, 15" - 1. Old Chatham(No anet) Jupiter '55; 2. Sandanona Lasher'5 3. Old Chatham Don Valley Citatio

Champion dog, 15" - 1. Buckram Bel man '55; 2. Treweryn Monarch.

Couple of dogs, 15" - 1. Sandanona Frol & Finder; 2. Old Chatham Major & Mino 3. Sandanona Lasher '55 & (V.S.) Mudlar '52.

Grand Champion Beagle at Bryn Mawr, Buckram Beagles' Bellman, show by Michael Quinlan. (Carl Klein Photo)

Treweryn Beagles' 5 couples, winner of the Best 5 Couples at Bryn Mawr for both divisions. Mrs. J. Austin du Pont presenting cup to Mr. David B. Sharp, M.B., at right, Robert M. Scott, Whip. (Carl Klein Photo)

Sandanona Beagles' Laughter, Champion 13" Bitch at Bryn Mawr, Mrs. Morgan Wing showing. (Freudy Photo)

Unentered bitches, 13" - 1. Treweryn Mannequin; 2. Pemberton Glitter; 3. Buckram Bustle.

Entered bitches, 13" - 1. Sandanona Laughter '55; 2. Buckram Deborah '52; 3. Buckram Delicate '54.

Brood bitch, 13" - 1. Buckram Deborah '52; 2. Sandanona Lovely '55; 3. Treweryn (Vernon Somerset) Dora '52.

Champion bitch, 13" - 1. Sandanona Laughter '55; 2. Treweryn Mannequin.

Brood bitch, 13" & 2 of get - 1. Pemberton Gadfly '54 & get; 2. Sandanona Lovely '54 & get; 3. Treweryn (Vernon Somerset) Dora '52 & get.

Couple of bitches, 13" - 1. Treweryn Benefit '54 & Model '54; 2. Sandanona Laughter '55 & Lovely '55; 3. Sandanona Lively '55 & Levity '55.

Unentered bitches, 15" - 1. Nantucket Buxom; 2. Treweryn Dulcie; 3. Nantucket Barmaid.

Entered bitches, 15" - 1. Old Chatham Bashful '54; 2. Buckram Bargain '52.

Brood bitch, 15" - 1. Nantucket Hoodwink '53; 2. Old Chatham Bashful '54; 3. Buckram Bargain '52.

Champion bitch, 15" - 1. Nantucket Hoodwink '53; 2. Nantucket Buxom.

Brood bitch, 15" & 2 of get - 1. Nantucket Hoodwink '53 with Barmaid & Buxom; 2. Sandanona (Vernon Somerset) Mavis '52 with Levity '55 & Lively '55; 3. Old Chatham Bashful '54 with Busy Bee & Ballintra.

Couple of bitches, 15" - 1. Nantucket Barmaid & Buxom; 2. Buckram Bargain '52 & Beauty '55.

2 couple of beagles, 13" - 1. Treweryn entry; 2. Sandanona entry; 3. Buckram entry.

2 couple of beagles, 15" - 1. Nantucket entry; 2. Sandanona entry; 3. Old Chatham entry.

National Beagle Club challenge cup, 13" - 1. Sandanona Frolic; 2. Sandanona Laughter '55; 3. Buckram Desperate '54.

National Beagle Club challenge cup, 15" - 1. Buckram Bellman '55; 2. Nantucket Hoodwink '53.

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John C. Baker Jr. Memorial Challenge Plate for the Grand Champion Beagle, either size - Ch: Buckram Bellman '55; Res: Nantucket Hoodwink '53.

Vernon Somerset challenge cup - 5 couple pack - 1. Treweryn; 2. Sandanona; 3. Nantucket.

Liseter Hall trophy - best 13", 5 couple pack - Treweryn.

Bassets

Dogs

Unentered dogs - 1. Timber Ridge Topper; 2. Poona Cannon; 3. Timber Ridge Handsome.

Entered dog - 1. Tewksbury Paragon '53; 2. Timber Ridge (Engle's) Speedy Ace '55; 3. Tewksbury Elmer '54.

Stallion hound - 1. Tewksbury Paragon '53; 2. Timber Ridge (Engle's)Speedy Ace '55; 3. Tewksbury Elmer '54.

Couple of dogs - 1. Timber Ridge Handsome & entry; 2. Tewksbury Paragon '53 & Tewksbury Placid '54; 3. Timber Ridge Topper & entry.

Champion basset dog - Tewksbury Paragon '53.

Reserve champion - Timber Ridge (Engle's) Speedy Ace '55.

Basset bitches

Unentered bitch - 1. Timber Ridge Lady; 2. Poona Chatter; 3. Poona Chime.

Entered bitch - 1. Timber Ridge (Upland) Countess '53; 2. Poona Jet '54; 3. Tewksbury Daffodil '55.

Brood bitch - 1. Timber Ridge (Upland) Countess '53; 2. Poona Jet '54; 3. Timber Ridge Beauty '56.

Brood bitch (with 2 of her get) - 1. Poona Jet '54; 2. Skycastle Tulip; 3. Skycastle Daffodil '54.

Couple of bitches - 1. Poona Jingle '55; 2. Timber Ridge (Upland) Countess '53; 3. Timber Ridge Daisy '54.

2 couple of bassets - 1. Poona Jet '54 & entry; 2. Timber Ridge Handsome & entry; 3. Timber Ridge (Upland) Countess '53 & entry.

Champion basset bitch - 1. Timber Ridge (Upland) Countess '53.

Reserve champion - Timber Ridge Lady.

Best 5 couple of bassets - 1. Tewksbury Foot Bassets; 2. Timber Ridge Bassets; 3. Poona Bassets.

Nantucket Beagles' Hoodwink, Champion 15" Bitch at Bryn Mawr, Mrs. David Sharp, M.B., showing. (Freudy Photo)

YORK WINNER FOR MRS. LUNN

Winner of the Galtres Stakes for three-year-old fillies over 1 1/2 miles at York was Mrs. M. E. Person Lunn's Irish-trained Italian Mist, who was having her first outing in England.

A nice looking daughter of Precipitation, she took the lead two furlongs from home and went on to win unchallenged by ten lengths in a field of eleven. She started second favorite at 9-2. P.T-C.

Sandanona Beagles' Frolic, Champion 13" Dog, at the Bryn Mawr Hound Show. (Freudy Photo)

MR. DAVID B. SHARP — WINNER OF HORN BLOWING CONTEST — 1956

TIMBER RIDGE COUNTESS — CHAMPION BASSET BITCH — 1956

TREWERYN BEAGLES
CHAMPION FIVE COUPLE BEAGLES — 1956

BUCKRAM BELLMAN — CHAMPION BEAGLE — 15 INCH
(EITHER SEX) — 1956

"Gone Away"
Matthew Richter son of Harry Richter
Whipper-in to Sandanona Beagles
Future Bryn Mar Winners

LICENSED BRACE WINNERS AT THE 1956 NATIONAL

Top left, 13 inch bitches from left as placed — Ray Hassler with Morris' Girlie, Ralph Franklin with Oaklay Sis, Mag Sutton with Ryan's Little Lady, Charles Kerk with Walkline Venturess and Panel Holdsworth with Sked's Lady III. Standing — H. Estes, I. S. Foltz and H. Truxel. Top right, 15 inch bitches from left as placed — Bob Bass with Bohnnland Shiela, Panel Holdsworth with Music Ridge Lady, Mary Stow with Lee's Nifty Nancy, Mrs. Thompson with Happy Run Starlet and Mr. Swallenbach with Lakeside Minnie. Standing — judge H. Truxel, field marshal I. Foltz and judge H. Estes. Bottom left, 15 inch dogs from left as placed — Mag Sutton with Rogers' Nipper, Leonard Smallwood with Hough's Terry, Ev. Stineman with Cynwyd Woodsman, Bill Mahony with Captain Jinx and Carl Cunningham with Maple Hill Mr. Dollar. Standing — judge H. Estes, field marshal I. Foltz and judge H. Truxel. Bottom left, 13 inch dogs from left as placed — Bob Bass with Mispillion Bobby, J. Davison with Oaklay Jack, Bob Spong with Diamond Back Butch, J. L. Smith with Clearview Trailer and C. O. Iselin with Kuzin Captain Lawyer. Standing left to right — Day Bradford, Cecil Myers, Ralph Franklin, H. Estes, H. Truxel, I. Foltz, Gus Mack, Helen Spong, Mrs. J. Webber and J. Webber.

Sixty-Seventh National Pack and Brace Trials

Aldie, Virginia

Report by MORGAN WING, JR.

The 67th annual National Beagle Club trials were held at Aldie, Virginia, November 8th through the 18th. The first four days were devoted to the pack classes in which ten registered and three unregistered packs competed.

The first class for 2 couples of 13 inch hounds was noteworthy for producing as near a perfect hunt as many of those present had ever seen. This performance was put on by the Briarwood pack of Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. Frank Whitehouse, owner and huntsman, with Dr. Robert Coxe as whipper-in. They hunted one rabbit for almost half an hour, all hounds being within six feet of each other the entire hunt. The hounds in this pack were:

Dandy, by Fd. Ch. Hatchie's Ring out of Park Road Music; Bootie and Boogie, by Wildcliffe Boogie out of Hammer Creek Bell; Captain, by Fd. Ch. Captain of Glenwood out of Bee Jay's Kay.

Second to this pack was a Sir Sister pack hunted by Henry Prunaret of Natick, Mass., with Mrs. Prunaret as whipper-in. This pack consisted of:

Sir Sister Beetle, by Fd. Ch. Bear Creek Baldy out of Sir Sister Sue; Sir Sister Peg, by Sir Sister Ebro out of Sir Sister Peanut; Sir Sister Tasty, by Sir Sister Sandman out of Sir Sister Dawn; Sir Sister Dispatch, by Waldingfield Postman out of Sir Sister Dawn.

They found a rabbit immediately and had a long close drive to ground in a brush pile. They also marked their second rabbit to ground after a driving hunt.

Third was the Ligonier Valley Beagles of Ligonier, Pa., hunted by David Burton with Mrs. George Clement and Mrs. "Gordy" May whipping-in. In this pack were Gayboy, Playboy, Norseman and Nosegay, all Waldingfield hounds given to Ligonier two years ago. Everyone was pleased to see this pack back at Aldie for the second year.

Reserve was won by Sandanona Beagles with 11 packs competing.

The 15 inch 2 couple class of 17 entries was won by the Treweryn Beagles of Berwyn, Pa., with David B. Sharp, Jr., master and huntsman, with John Todd, whipper-in. The hounds in this pack were:

Their Burgess, by Bender out of V. S. Bretta; Redding, by Bugler out of V. S. Melissa; Model, by Bugler out of V. S. Miranda; Benefit, by Bender out of V. S. Bretta.

They had a hard driving hunt and were taken up running after marking two rabbits to ground. This pack subsequently won the National Challenge Trophy for the two couples with the best combined score in the field and on the bench. These hounds are out of three of the four Vernon-Somerset bitches who won this cup for Treweryn in 1953, which Model and Benefit won the class for one couple of bitches at Bryn Mawr this year.

Second in the 15 inch two couple was Sandanona from Millbrook, New York; Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Wing, masters. Mr. Wing hunted these hounds while Mrs. Wing and Miss Barry Whittall whipped-in.

Third: Mr. Williams' Beagles of Natick, Mass.

Reserve: Mr. Blackwelder's Beagles of Sterling, Va.

Sandanona was second for the National Challenge Trophy. They then went on to win the four couple pack and the John C. Baker, Jr., Memorial Cup for the combined bench and field score of the four couples. It is interesting to note that the Sandanona four couple pack was the same pack that won the four couple class at Gladstone on Monday. Briarwood was second in the field; Old Chatham, third, and Sir Sister, reserve.

In the thirteen inch four couple packs there was a tie for second for the Baker Cup between Old Chatham and Nantucket, the latter not placing in the field had a good hunt and were brought up by their looks, this pack having placed third at Bryn Mawr.

There were five eight couple packs which Sir Sister won with a magnificent driving hunt on a really good running rabbit. Scent then seemed to become difficult for the other packs and second went to Treweryn who didn't have much of a hunt but worked very well together and tried hard.

Third—North Country.

Reserve—Sandanona.

The Sir Sister hunt was so outstanding that this pack won the Sir Sister Cup presented by their former master, the late Mr. Chetwood Smith, for the highest scored pack in any class in the field. This lemon and white pack was most ably hunted by Henry Prunaret with Mrs. Prunaret and Roger Williams whipping-in.

The bench show results were as follows:

Best 13" hound—North Country Barmaid (bitch); reserve — Sandanona Laughter (bitch).

Best 15" hound — Nantucket Buxom (bitch); Old Chatham's Sandanona Lasher (dog).

Classes for bassets were held for the second year. The Poona Bassets of Millbrook, N. Y., and the Tewkesbury Bassets of Gladstone, N. J., were on hand and ran two couple and four couple packs. Both classes were won by the Poona with Kent Leavitt hunting them and Miss Adele Leavitt whipping-in. The Tewkesbury were hunted by Jack Eyre with Miss Peggy Wemple and Dick Hull as whippers-in.

Going into the three hour stakes the excitement was great, as, for the first time on record, there were four packs tied for the Harrison Bowl which goes to the pack with the highest score for the whole trials. These were Briarwood, Sir Sister, Treweryn and Sandanona.

The 13" stake with twenty entries was consistently good with all hounds running as a pack from the start and with good scenting they had a number of nice hunts. This pack was hunted by Morgan Wing and was won by: Wal-

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NATIONAL PACK WINNERS AT THE 1956 LICENSED MEET

Top left — the winning Sandanona four couple pack. This pack won the John C. Baker, Jr., Memorial Trophy for the third time and also won the four couple at Gladstone the previous week. Morgan Wing, Jr. hunted them with Mrs. Wing and Miss Millicent B. Whittall as whips. Top right — Treweryn two couple Challenge Cup Winners. This award is for two couple pack with highest score in field and in show. David B. Sharp, Jr., master is at the right. Bottom left — Free for all three hour stake 13 inch winners from left as placed, Mrs. John Grew with Waldingfield's Noanet Nugget, Dr. Frank Whitehouse with Briarwood Dandy, David B. Sharp with Treweryn Benefit, and Mrs. Henry Gammack with Old Chatham Sister. Standing — judge H. Truxel, Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., and judge O. Payne. Bottom right — the Sir Sister eight couple winners of Watchman Cup from left, Mrs. Henri Prunaret, whip; Henri Prunaret, master and huntsman and Roger Williams, whip.

NATIONAL PACK TRIALS

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dingfield's Noanet Nugget, by Waldingfield Postman out of Waldingfield Noodles.

Second—Briarwood Dandy, last year's winner.

Third—Treweryn Benefit.

Reserve—Old Chatham Sister.

This sent Briarwood ahead on points.

The 15" stake brought out 18 hounds who had three sight chases and a kill in the first 20 minutes which did not help to settle down some rather wild hounds. Al Callan, who hunts the Old Chatham pack, was the huntsman picked for this job and he really had a hard time for awhile; however, he did a very nice job and finally had a pack that would run and work together. Scent was terrible and rabbits hard to find which made his job more difficult and it was late in the afternoon before the judges were able to make a decision. When they did Sir Sister had first with their Sandman, by Waldingfield Tango out of Waldingfield Susie, and third with their Bugle, while second went to William's Cry and reserve to Nantucket Burglar. This gave Sir Sister the Harrison Cup with a total of 27 points. Briarwood was second with 22 points and Treweryn third with 20 points.

These trials were most ably judged by Owen M. Payne, Ft. Thomas, Ky., and Harry S. Truxel, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., while the bench show was judged by John K. Cowperthwaite, Far Hills, N. J.

Posing handsomely with Charles Backus is North Country Barmaid, the winner of the Welfare Cup for best 13 inch beagle in show.

The weather was good to all the beagle pack enthusiasts gathered there from every part of the country. Bun Sharp, master of The Treweryn, his wife Becky, who has the Nantucket Beagles, were there enjoying The Gambrill Cabin at Squaw Hill. The Treweryn brought a full quota with all eight bunks filled in their cabin as follows: Bill Battin who acted as field marshal a good part of the time and never missed seeing a pack run, David Randolph on his first visit, Rad and George Hundt, Westy Frazier, John Todd, Dick Thompson and Bobby Scott, all very helpful in whipping in to the various packs as well as their own.

Coming for the first time as master and whip of the Waldingfield Beagles were Mr. and Mrs. John Grew. Also in a new role was Charlie Backus, master and huntsman of The North County Beagles. The Old Chatham Beagles following, included the Gammacks, The Callans, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn. We were all pleased to have in our midst Ike Carrel looking so well, the master of the Shady Shores, who won The National Challenge Cup in 1951, had driven up from Florida with his granddaughter.

The Pemberton Beagles were represented by Mrs. Dean Bedford, The Ligonier by David C. Burton and Mrs. George C. Clement, Jr.

The first two days were marred by the absence of "The Captain", Mr. C. Oliver Iselin, president of The National Beagle Club. He had strained his back picking up a hound the week before, but he emerged smiling on the third day, to resume his duties as field marshal.

Bayard Tuckerman, Jr.; Greg Strauss, the new Waldingfield whip.

Mr. & Mrs. Yomans, Ike Carrol's grandaughter and June Badger

National Challenge Cup
Winners
L. to Rt.
George Hundt, Bobby Scott, David Sharp

Committeeman Morgan Wing Jr.
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Morgan Wing Jr. presents Pandamonium Pup to contest winner

Top Center

Mrs. Tuckerman, Dave Burton, David B. Sharp Jr., John Todd and Harry Truxel

Commander Robert Foreman and Bennett H. Perry.

Dave Burton, Bunny Sharp, John Todd and Harry Truxel, at the Waldingfield cocktail party

The Treweryn [illegible] couples which won the Vernon Somerset Challenge Cup for the best pack, 13" or 15", at Bryn Mawr hound show. David B. Sharp, Jr. is master.

The 4½ couple Vernon Somerset
Challenge Cup
Winners

National Beagle Club Trials 39 Years Ago

The following account is taken from the November 24th, 1917, issue of "The American Field", published in Chicago.

"The twenty-eighth annual field trials of the National Beagle Club were completed most successfully on the home grounds, Institute Farm, Aldie, Va., on Friday, November 16. Commencing on Thursday, November 8, and including every moment till the last hound had ran his race, conditions were most favorable. Not a drop of rain nor a dark cloud scarcely even so much as tried to mar the grandeur of it all. Trailing conditions were not considered to be the very best, as it was quite dry, and many of the hounds were unable to give much of an account of themselves. Naturally, many of the beaglers will go home consoling themselves that their hounds did not show anywhere near at their best, owing to the hard scenting conditions and the difference in climate, which is all very true, but when it is considered that many and many a hound drove a race of perfection, a race to a fair and square "kill", it must be admitted that inasmuch as some hounds, quite a large number in fact, did do work that is all to be expected of any hound, that the chances were equal and that all was fair.

The war did show decidedly its effect on the trials. Of course the National is always a five-point trial and more, but the pack stakes suffered the worst in the way of entries. Then, too, quite a number of the live wires were very conspicuous by their absence. James W. Appleton, the president of the club, was greatly missed and hardly an hour passed by but what his name was mentioned, and we all may realize how he longed to be with us at this "meet," the first he has missed many a long year. Tom Griffith was another dean of beaglers who was very often mentioned and this is the first year for Tom to drop from the roll, "every year in twenty" or more. And one of the most conspicuous absences in the way of hounds was of the Wheatley pack. We can offer no excuse for them, as we heard that Mr. Little is still on the job with them and that he was over to visit the Jersey trials for a day or two. Ernest Putrell of the Somerset pack we all thought of often and well knew that he often thought of what was going on at the "Home" of the National Beagle Club. Ernest is "somewhere" in France. Mr. Iselin is more fortunate than some, as he, while serving his country, happened to be located at Fort Myer, within motoring distance of the club grounds.

It might be well to repeat the description of the surroundings of the club, as this year is only the second year that it has been permanently located in its own home, the Institute Farm. The old seminary is well adapted for such an event and the grounds are the most ideal for a field trial. They will test the merits of any hound. If there is any particular point that one might wish to bring out as to a hound's nature, every facility is at one's command - briars, tall grass, short grass, bare ground, ditches and woods. And it is possible for the spectators to view many a race in succession from one spot, the top of a small hill, of which there are many.

Among those present at the trials were George Post, Ramsey Turnbull, Mifflin Wharton, Thomas D. Snyder and wife, James P. VanDyke, G. A. Flammer, Roy Williams J. W. Scott, Frank Rader, George Wallace, Dan F. Summers, Frank D. Stuart, Frank Asherman, Dr. Bruns, Andy Field, C. Oliver Iselin, Mr. Reynal, Harry Watson, J. Dickinson, G. L. Goodacre, E. B. McIntyre, C. S. Doub, E. Lentilhon and several others who visited for a day or two.

The judging was very capably cared for, Paul Jones judging the bench show and Chetwood Smith and LeP. Cronmiller the field trials."

Paul Jones who judged the show that year came hunting with us last Saturday, our first time out since returning from the Nationals. He wished to know all about the trials and mentioned the first time he went to Aldie.

Then comes a description of the hunt of each pack in each class.

The results of 15" Two Couple were: 1. Wolver Pack #2; 2. Piedmont Pack #2; 3. Vernon Place #2; Res. Vernon Place #1.

The hunt of the winning pack, Wolver #2, is described as follows.

"Wolver Pack No. 2 - The hounds started game in weedfield and drove to woods, taking a nice circle there through the deep leaves and driving back to open field, where they checked and had to be laid on again. They made another nice drive around through tall grass and weeds and to a loss in briar patch. The hounds worked splendidly together and cut out their work in the proper manner. Down 8:35, up 9:05."

The results of the 13" Two Couple were: 1. Piedmont Pack #1; 2. Rosedale Pack; 3. Piedmont Pack #2; Res. Rader's Pack.

There were ten 4 couple packs entered. Wolver was 1st and 2nd, hunted by C. Oliver Iselin, who was able to motor over from Fort Myer where he was stationed.

The Eight Couple was won by The Somerset Pack with J. Dickinson as huntsman. In 2nd place was the Vernon Place Pack, hunted by Harry Watson. Third was Piedmont Pack, hunted by Frank D. Stuart. The Wolver pack was Reserve.

There follows a long three page description of each hunt in the single classes. All the pack people remained in those days and took part in single classes.

15" All age dogs results: 1. Rader's Daniel; 2. Lang's Jack; 3. Halstead Place Peterboro; 4. Waldingfield Hector.

15" All age bitch results: 1. Brooke Grove Barbara; 2. Betray Bashful; 3. Somerset Anxious; 4. Flammer's Cricket.

13" All age dogs results: 1. Waldingfield Leader; 2. Piedmont Dictor; 3. Dungannon Duster; 4. Piedmont Judge.

13" All age bitches results: 1. Rosedale Fairy; 2. Thornfield Gussie; 3. Rosedale Counters; 4. Cockran's Queen.

In the middle of the write-up this interesting bit occurs -

"Two very interesting visitors at the trials were John Chamberlain of Middleburg, Va., and Clarendon Smith of Washington, D. C., Mr. Chamberlain attended school at The Institute before the Civil War in 1856 and Mr. Smith was a student there in 1861. In 1863 they told us the building was used as a hospital during the Battle of Manassas which was only a few miles distant."

Josiah H. Child

The Passing Of Vagabond

Today, January 18th, bright and sunny and cheerful though it is outside, is clouded with sadness because it marks the passing of a great little hound from the Buckram pack. Vagabond has not been able, despite special nursing and diet at Christy Bell's house, to recover from the kidney trouble which downed him a month ago. He thumped his tail happily in my lap an hour ago but his hazel eyes were dim and his legs could not support him. At least he did not know how short his time was. He was gone soon after.

Vagabond was bred by the late Tommy Grier of Bordentown, N. J. in 1949 of Vernon Somerset bloodlines, being by Maestro out of Anguish, and bore his pack's surname, Bethel Lake. He was then drafted to Bunny Sharp's Treweryn Pack, but as a young hound he would not hunt and was bothersome in the kennel so Bunny disposed of him to John Baker of Buckram. John even disposed of him once and got him back, and it was his second season before Vagabond finally began to hunt. He developed slowly and steadily and soon was the pack leader on bad scenting days when he took command and personally unravelled a large percentage of the checks. On good scenting days his short legs prevented him from taking over but his voice could be heard above all the other hounds. He won many places for Buckram at Field Trials and was second in the 13" 3 hr. stake at Aldie in 1953 under dreadfully hot scenting conditions.

BETHEL LAKE VAGABOND of the Buckram Beagles of Upper Brookville, L. I., N. Y.

He was in the winning 13" two-couple pack at Gladstone this fall with two of his get, still young entry. He was also in the second place 4-couple and in the winning 8-couple packs.

Besides being useful, Vagabond had his comical side. He was a terrible Milquetoast in the kennel and spent his life trying to stay out of trouble of any kind. On the way up to the Bay State Trials last April, we had a fight break out in the back of our station wagon, and I had to climb into the back seat to stop it with a whip (thus putting my knee into the home-baked apple pie I was taking to my dear friend Col. Mansfield up there). After the usual shrieking and snarling and the subsequent soothing down of ruffled feathers I took a count of hounds and hollered to Joe to stop the car — we were short one hound! He slammed on the brakes and when we unsnarled the still - bristling heap of hounds in the back, we found Vagabond at the bottom under one of the bigger bitches. For fear that he might get involved in the uproar he had made himself so small that he was completely invisible under her ample quarters!

However, the most remarkable thing about this pint sized little peanut with the huge ears, bandy legs, and overly long stern was his truly magnificent voice. It was as clear and loud as a church bell, as imperative as a door-bell, and had an enthusiasm that is hard to describe. How many times I have seen hounds falter for seconds or minutes at a check and finally heard the fiercely joyous cry ring out that brought hounds flying to him to honor the line they couldn't find.

Try as I will to resist the urge, I have been at the window three times in the last hour when I thought I heard that bell-like voice tonguing under the oaks up in back of the garden. But it was nothing but the wind around the eaves and there is nothing there but snow.

— Barbara H. Conolly

BOOKS

BEAGLES, THEIR HISTORY & BREEDING BY A. COURTNEY WILLIAMS. PUBLISHED BY THE TRINITY PRESS, WORCESTER AND LONDON 1955.

BEAGLES, THEIR HISTORY & BREEDING is one of the most important books on beagles that has ever been published because it is the only book which is about the breeding of beagles in England. It is written in an easy style by a knowledgeable man who knows his beagles, how they should hunt , how they should look, and how to breed them.

Chapter 7 on Line Breeding is a most valuable contribution and should be read and adhered to by every Master of Beagles. It is a system of breeding that my Joint Master and I have attempted to follow over a long period of years. This is the system that James Waldingfield Appleton used ever since he began importing hounds from England in 1886.

It was thrilling to find in the last chapter, headed Celebrated Beagles of the Past, a full description and story of the life of Stoke Place Major '18 and to learn that he has been considered by many authorities the stallion hound that has had the greatest influence on the breed in the last half century. The blood of this famous hound by Stoke Place Colchester '16, out of Stoke Place Matchless '15, still flows today in our Waldingfield Pack.

The foreword by C. N. de Courcy-Parry (Dalesman) tells us that the author, now unfortunately deceased, when he became Master of the Warwickshire Beagles made this pack the best there was in England. He was a real hunting man that could write about hunting as well.

The book contains a few good illustrations by the author's daughter, Anthea, and a particularly fine drawing of a "miniature foxhoun" type of beagle. Josiah H. Child

THE COMPLETE BEAGLE, BY WILLIAM DENLINGER, DENLINGER'S RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, 1956, 320 pp., ILLUSTRATED, $4.50.

THE COMPLETE BEAGLE, compiled and edited by William Denlinger, is a book that all beagle owners should read and keep as a reference book. Part I pertains to the Beagle only; Part II pertains to the general care, handling, feeding, breeding, and raising of dogs.

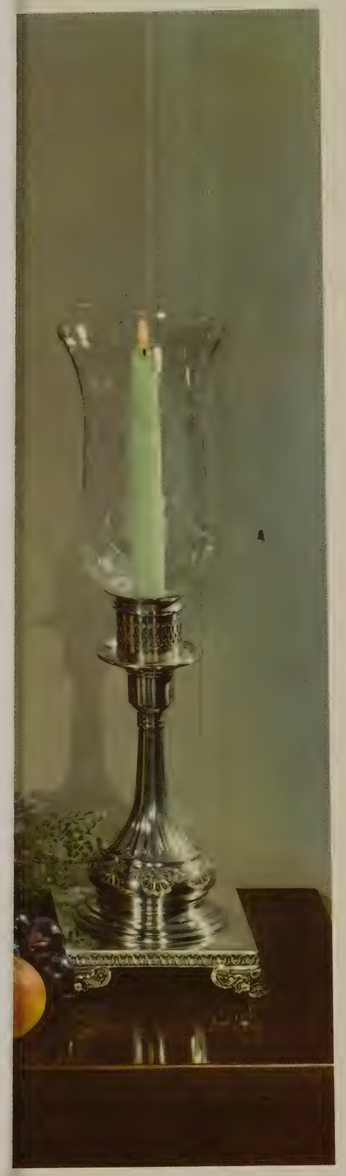
The chapter on "The History and Development of the Beagle" is carefully and eruditely put together. It gives an account of the origins of the Beagle in France and England from the Middle Ages to the publishing of the first volume of the BEAGLES AND HARRIERS STUD BOOK in 1892. The "Early American Bloodlines" chapter brings out the fact that the first mention of a beagle in this country is in the town records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, in 1642. It recalls the importations of General Rowett in 1870, the importations of Mr. Arnold of Providence from the Royal Rock in 1880, and of the importations from Capt. J. Otho Paget, Master of the Thorpe Satchville.

The chapter entitled "The Blueprint of the Beagle" is interestingly illustrated to show the good and bad points of the beagle.

Henry J. Columb's chapter on Cottontail Field Trials explains this unique kind of contest, indigenous only to the United States, from its beginnings in 1890 when the first trial was held at Hyannis, Mass., by the National Beagle Club, to this day when there are more than one hundred thousand entries in Beagle Field Trials each year. The whole system of Cottontail Trials is carefully and clearly explained. Mr. A. D. Holcombe also gives an excellent explanation of Hare Stakes in his chapter on the subject.

The Secretary of the National Beagle Club and the Master of the Sandanona Beagles, Morgan Wing, Jr., gives a very good explanation of pack hunting. This chapter is profusely illustrated with photographs of Beagle Packs that are registered with the National Beagle Club.

The best chapter in the book is written by Owen M. Payne from Knoxville, Kentucky, one of the beagle-world's best known judges and a most successful breeder of field trial champions. This article is written clearly and simply and makes one feel the author's sensitive understanding of the beagle. The description of how to teach a puppy to retrieve is very illuminating. I wish it were possible to insist that every person that owns a beagle read this article.

The book contains many photographs of Champion Beagles and some very good sketches of the beagle in action by Paul Brown. Josiah H. Child

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